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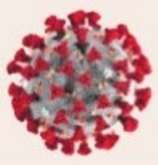

mRNA-BASED COVID VACCINE CLEARED FOR PHASE-2/3 TRIALS

India's first mRNA-based Covid vax by Pune-based Gennova has been granted approval for phase-2 and -3 clinical trails

VAX SAFE, TOLERABLE: SUBJECT EXPERT PANEL

Gennova Biopharmaceuticals had submitted the interim clinical data of the vaccine's Phase 1 study to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, the Department of Biotechnology said on Tuesday. The Subject Expert Committee reviewed the interim Phase 1 data and found the vaccine to be safe, tolerable, and immunogenic in the participants

TO USE COVISHIELD FOR COMPARISON

- The trials will be conducted at 10-15 sites in Phase 2 and 22-27 sites in Phase 3. During trials, this mRNA-based vaccine will likely be compared with Covishiled and not any placebo
- Messenger RNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response in our bodies | P9

Storage

THE VAX CAN BE STORED BETWEEN 2-8°C, MAKING ITS DISTRIBUTION EASY

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STREET FIGHTER AND SHIV SENA DEFECTOR

Narayan Rane was a Shiv Sena leader who later defected to the BJP. A street fighter, he is known for his crass language. Before his arrest, Rane threw his weight around, claimed he was not a 'normal' person, and warned the media against speculating about impending police action

Rane gets bail after arrest for Thackeray slur

Was denied anticipatory bail by Ratnagiri court & Bombay HC; BJP calls it vendetta

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI
@ Mumbai

HOURS after his arrest over an incendiary comment against Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Union minister Narayan Rane was granted bail late on Tuesday night.

The police took him to Mahad in Ratnagiri district, 160 km from Mumbai, where a local court granted bail on health grounds after remanding him in judicial custody. Earlier in the day, he was denied anticipatory bail by a Ratnagiri court and also the Bombay High Court.

Rane had sharply criticised Thackeray for losing count of the years since India got Independence during a speech on August 15, saying he would have given him a tight slap.

Multiple FIRs were filed against Rane and police teams sent from various places, including Pune and Nasik, to arrest him a day after his controversial statement.

He was arrested by the police around 2.30 pm at Sangameshwar in Ratnagiri district, where he was as part of his Jan Ashirwad Yatra. His son Ritish, who is an ex-Lok Sabha member, tried in vain to block the police personnel.

Criticising the arrest, BJP state vice president Prasad Lad claimed it was due to political vendetta. He alleged that the police manhandled Rane and did not even allow him to have food.

"Narayan Rane is Rajya Sabha member, minister, and a senior citizen, but the police did not respect it. This is vendetta," he said.

BJP national president J P Nadda called the arrest a violation of Constitutional values, adding the BJP cannot be threatened or silenced.

Rane is the third Union minister in harness to have ever been arrested in the country. The other two were DMK leaders Murasoli Maran and T R Baalu, who were ministers in the Vajpayee government. They were arrested in 2001 along with DMK chief M Karunanidhi in a what was called a flyover scam.

US to stay with Aug 31 evacuation deadline

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

US President Joe Biden on Tuesday said he would stick to the August 31 deadline for completing the evacuation of Americans and Afghan allies from the war-torn country. An emergency G7 meeting had urged him to continue evacuation through September in view of the ground situation. But, Biden decided against keeping troops on the ground any longer. He, however, told his national security team to create contingency plans if, for some reason, the deadline got extended, news agency AP reported.

In the 24-hour period that ended early Tuesday, the US flew out 21,600 people – the highest single-day count since the evacuation began. On Monday, the US had lifted 16,000 persons. US forces currently control the Kabul airport. Once they withdraw, it may not be possible for civilians from any country to leave.

On its part, the Taliban said it would not extend the August 31 deadline, saying there is enough time for the US and others to evacuate their nationals. It also said it would not allow Afghans to leave the country. Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said the huge crowds of Afghans gathered at the airport must return home, promising they would not face any reprisals. He added that women should stay home for the time being for their own safety.

There were also reports of the Taliban making key appointments ahead of government formation. According to Afghan media reports, the militia has appointed Gul Agha as finance minister, Sadr Ibrahim as acting interior minister, Najibullah as intelligence chief.

Meanwhile, CIA Director William Burns reportdly had a covert one-on-one meeting with Taliban co-founder Abdul Ghani Baradar on Monday. They reportedly reviewed the scenario post August 31. P12

14-day quarantine for Afghan evacuees

- Union health ministry has made 14-day institutional quarantine mandatory for evacuees from Afghanistan
- A special Air India flight on Tuesday brought 77 stranded people, including 46 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, to Delhi P9

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NOW, IT'S TIME FOR PARALYMPICS

The Paralympic Games was declared open with a colourful opening ceremony in Tokyo on Tuesday

INDIA'S MEDAL HOPES

India has sent its biggest contingent — 54 athletes — to compete at the Tokyo Paralympics. High jumper T Mariyappan, javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia are the brightest medal prospects

1. Javelin thrower Tek Chand enters the National Stadium with the Indian flag during the opening ceremony in Tokyo on Tuesday 2. Fireworks illuminate the stadium | AP

MONETISATION

PM destroying country's crown jewels, claims Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

HITTING out at the Centre's plan to monetise infrastructure assets, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of selling everything the past governments have created. The move is designed to benefit two or three businessmen and it will only create a monopoly that will cut down employment opportunities and destroy the informal sector, he alleged.

The ex-Congress chief clarified that his party is not against privatisation. The UPA government had a privatisation policy but strategic assets such as defence and railways were never privatised, he reasoned.

"The whole idea behind this exercise is to create monopoly for three or four people. Youngsters can't find jobs today as the entire small and medium industries has been destroyed... The reason is that the Prime Minister insists on building two or three monopolies that own everything in this country," he said, adding that the PM is destroying the crown jewels of the country.

Reacting to the allegations, the BJP pointed out that the UPA government, too, had sought to monetise assets. "In 2008, an RFP (request for proposal) with reference to the New Delhi railway station was announced when the Congress government was at the Centre. Is Rahul Gandhi alleging the government headed by his mother was audacious enough to sell the country," said Union minister Smriti Irani.

Bommai to talk to legal experts on water disputes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is leaving for New Delhi on Wednesday, will discuss inter-state river water disputes and Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project with legal experts in the national capital. He is also likely to meet BJP central leaders to deliberate on filling four vacant posts in his cabinet.

The chief minister's schedule includes meetings with Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other Central ministers on Thursday. With Shekhawat, he is likely to take up the long-pending clearance for the Mekedatu project. He is expected to meet Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to discuss various projects and to seek release of funds for the State.

Bommai on Tuesday said that he will be accompanied by Karnataka's Advocate General and senior advocates during his meeting with legal experts. They will discuss issues related to inter-state water disputes and the next course of action. "We should not politicise it. We are making all attempts to safeguard the State's interests and we will continue to do it," he added, responding to plans by JDS leaders to take out a padayatra demanding the implementation of the Mekedatu project.

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INFY CROSSES $100 BN M-CAP; 4TH INDIAN FIRM TO DO SO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

MARKET capitalisation (m-cap) of India's second-largest information technology (IT) company, Infosys, on Tuesday crossed the coveted $100 billion (Rs 7.44 lakh crore) mark. The Bengaluru-based IT major has now become only the fourth company in the country to enter the $100 billion club after Reliance Industries (RIL), Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and HDFC Bank.

Shares of Infosys rose nearly 1 per cent intra-day on Tuesday to hit a record high of Rs 1,755.60 on the BSE. This took the company's m-cap to Rs 7.47 lakh crore or $100.78 billion. However, as the session proceeded, Infosys lost its gain and closed the day 1% lower at Rs 1,720.75. Its market cap came down to 7.3 lakh crore, below the $100 billion mark.

A view of Infosys campus in Bengaluru

According to the latest m-cap data, Mukesh Ambani's RIL is the most-valued firm at Rs 13.8 lakh crore, followed by TCS at Rs 13.4 lakh crore and HDFC Bank at Rs 8.6 lakh crore. Infosys' main competitor TCS had hit m-cap of $100 billion in late April 2018. Infosys shares have been in high demand over the last one year, advancing over 83 per cent as against BSE Sensex rally of 44 per cent during the period. So far in 2021, the shares have rallied over 36 per cent, outperforming Sensex which has advanced 17 per cent.

Infosys shares have rallied around 11 per cent after the announcement of Q1 earnings on July 14. The company had reported a 23 per cent increase in net profit for the June quarter and raised its revenue guidance for FY22 to 14-16 per cent from the previous outlook of 12-14 per cent.

Analysts expect momentum in Infosys shares to continue as it has shown better demand traction in cloud, customer experience and cybersecurity, among other businesses than competition Wipro and TCS.

"We expect Infosys to deliver another year of an ongoing guidance raise as the current one does not fully factor in strong technology demand and execution of its record high deal wins. We have cut our FY22E/FY23E EPS estimate by 3.2 per cent/1.6 per cent to encompass margin pressure due to ongoing supply crunch in the industry and expected increase in travel expenses," said Motilal Oswal in a recent note.

MORE TROUBLE

Hair follicle test confirms actresses consumed drugs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Shivamogga

AN advanced hair follicle test conducted on the hair samples of Kannada actors Sanjjanaa Galrani and Ragini Dwivedi, who are out on bail after being incarcerated following a drug-related bust in the Kannada film industry, has confirmed that the two had consumed drugs.

It is the first time that the hair follicle test, conducted by the Hyderabad-based Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), has been used in a drugs case under NDPS Act in Karnataka. If charges are proved, the two are liable to one-year imprisonment with a fine for the consumption of drugs. "This may prove to be vital evidence along with other bits of digital evidence we have gathered during the course of the investigation. This helps in getting the accused convicted. The report has been submitted to the Special Court for NDPS cases," an officer said. P7

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

August 23
56,10,116 doses
August 24
54,67,551 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 59,47,65,751

NATIONWIDE	AUG 23	AUG 24
Fresh cases	25,072	25,467
Recoveries	44,157	39,486
Deaths	389	354

KARNATAKA	AUG 23	AUG 24
Fresh cases	1,151	1,259
Recoveries	1,442	1,701
Deaths	10	29

Parties must have conduct code, says VP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

EXPRESSING concern over disruptions during proceedings in Parliament and state Assemblies, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday suggested to political parties to evolve a code of conduct for their members.

"The code should be followed in the House and in public (life)," he said during an informal interaction with the media. "The parties should make the code of conduct public as an affidavit so that people have an opportunity to observe whether they follow the assurances given," he suggested.

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Citing a newspaper article written by Congress MP Manish Tewari, he said that unfortunately, there is no correlation between a member's performance in Parliament and his or her renomination or re-election. This situation has to change. Ethics have to be maintained in public life. Members' performance in Parliament and constituencies should be taken into consideration when they seek reelection, he added.

"Character, calibre, capacity and conduct are very important. But, the four 'C's have been replaced by another set of four 'C's: Caste, Community, Cash and Criminality," he said. P4

What happened in the Rajya Sabha is unfortunate and has to be remedied at the earliest
Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President

Fresh to home
WEDNESDAY MARKET
Another Wednesday. Another meaty mid-week sale!
Fresh Products | Best Deals | 90 Min Delivery
Goat (Curry Cut) ₹798/kg
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• Wednesday: 25.08.2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayna
• Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Sravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: hrutheeya 4.15 pm
• Nakshatra: Uttharabhadra 9.54 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.35 pm
Moonrise 10.49 pm
Moonset 8.25 am

Palike scanning property tax errors, penalties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DUE to mounting public pressure and the state government seeking details from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on hefty penalties imposed on citizens for discrepancies in property tax, the Palike is assessing each case carefully.

Staffers in the head office are collecting details of the cases and penalty imposed, while also checking the financial modalities and repercussions if the amount is returned or adjusted in future financial cycles.

According to BBMP officials, of the 78,500 such cases to whom notices were served, stern action warning was issued to 20,000 property holders. "There might be more such cases, but the information is currently not available on the portal. We are seeking details from zonal offices and revenue officers," said another official from the revenue department.

The official pointed out that the head office received only 28 complaints, of which 10 are being examined at the moment. The officials said that though the tax amount can be adjusted, the arrears will still have to be paid. BBMP also slapped show cause notices on property owners demanding that they pay the arrears.

"We are examining whether the calculation has gone wrong from our side. These 78,500 people have to pay taxes and arrears, which are pending since 2016-17, when the new zonal classification was done. We are also checking what happened in the self-assessment scheme payment and how the calculations were done," said the official, and added that since the matter has caught the attention of ministers, the issue is being looked at from all angles.

The BBMP collected Rs 169 crore in the form of property tax this year and plans to collect Rs 130 crore more from penalties and Rs 250 crore from arrears.

TIMELINE

March 2020: BBMP Bill tabled in the House

August 2020: State government constitutes 20-member Joint Select Committee

September 2020: Term of BBMP Councillors with 198 ward ends

December 2020: BBMP Bill passed in the House. Allows increase in number of wards and proposes 30-month Mayoral term

January 2021: Governor gives nod to the bill increasing the number of wards from 198 to 243

Civic body polls by year-end likely

Process of delimitation and reservation of wards expected to be completed in a few weeks

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Bengaluru

IF all goes well, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections for 243 wards will be conducted by this year-end. The process of delimitation and reservation of wards is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

The term of the BBMP council with 198 wards ended in September last year, and in December, the BBMP Joint Select Committee, headed by BJP MLA S Raghu, submitted its recommendations favouring 243 wards. Following this, the process of delimitation had started.

"So far, we conducted two to three meetings on the delimitation. There is a demand from MLAs of constituencies located on the city outskirts to include more villages in the BBMP, and we are working on it. We are hoping to complete this process soon," said a senior official of the Urban Development Department (UDD).

When contacted, Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (UDD) and BBMP Administrator, said that there will be some clarity on the delimitation in a week's time.

Basavanagudi MLA Ravi Subramanya, who was part of the committee, said that the delimitation process is expected to be completed by September-end and it will be uploaded in the public domain.

"Once this is done, objections will be called for, and we are hoping that the elections will be held by the year-end," he added.

The Opposition Congress has been blaming the ruling BJP for the delay in holding elections.

Meanwhile, the State Election Commission, which is keen on holding the polls, will file a petition before the Supreme Court. In December 2020, the Karnataka High Court had directed the state government to conduct elections for 198 wards within six weeks, but state government filed a petition before the Supreme Court stressing on the new BBMP Act that includes 243 wards. The SEC has filed its objection.

FROM GOD'S HANDS

Hundreds of devotees line up for prasadam at NR Colony on the occasion of Raghavendra Swamy Aradhana in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

KSTDC staffers throw garbage down Nandi Hills, made to clean up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TWO KSTDC hotel staffers were caught on camera throwing garbage down the cliff of Nandi Hills, by members of a volunteer group in Chikkaballapur recently.

The video, which has gone viral, left the two staffers red-faced. They were seen emptying garbage sacks and dumping other waste materials into an area which belongs to the Forest department. The incident was immediately brought to the notice of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC). "The matter was investigated and it was found that the two staffers are new recruits and had no information about the rules. The hotel management has been warned to ensure there is no littering," said forest department officials.

Locals point out that Nandi Hills has a fragile eco-system. "We are already tired of tourists littering the place. Volunteer groups regularly clear all the plastic bottles and garbage, but the mess remains," they said. The volunteer groups were formed by noted environmentalist Dr AN Yellappa Reddy.

The volunteers said the incident came to light because of the video, though tourists must be adding their own litter in the area.

A video that has gone viral shows KSTDC employee dumping garbage down the cliff | EXPRESS

"One peek down the railings of the cliff, and one can see liquor and water bottles, chips and biscuit packets, clothes, soap and shampoo packets and other waste strewn around. With footfall increasing, the district administration should ensure there is cleanliness and strict penal action is taken. The cliff point from where the incident has been captured is open. There are many other such places. More guards should be stationed, and carrying of eatables and bottles should be restricted. The hotel and restaurant management should be warned," say locals.

Reacting to this, KSTDC Managing Director Vijay Sharma said: "The two staffers are new and not aware of our rules. This is a one-off incident. They have been taken to task and made to clear the garbage."

HC orders BDA to allot site to cricketer at 2008 rate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A division bench of the Karnataka High Court upheld the order passed by the single judge to quash the allotment of a BDA site to former Indian cricketer Smitha Harikrishna at Visvesvaraya Layout, by fixing the value at Rs 77.22 lakh in 2020. The resolution for allotment of the site by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) was passed in 2008. The court also upheld the order passed by the single judge, directing BDA to allot a site measuring 50x80 sqft and fix the site value at the rate prevailing in 2008.

IN THE HC

Dismissing the appeal filed by BDA against the order of the single judge dated October 21, 2020, a division bench of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum noted that BDA is empowered to allot a site to sports personalities recognised at the national and international level. However, the BDA was before this court.

Smitha Harikrishna was a member of the Indian cricket team, and in recognition of her contribution, a resolution was passed in 2008 by the BDA, to allot her a plot. However, Smitha's file was misplaced.

The court questioned the BDA counsel as to why site allotment was not completed in 2008, and was taken up in 2021. He admitted that the file was misplaced. The court observed that it is shocking that BDA came up with a lame excuse, and that the allottee cannot be blamed for inaction by the BDA, and slapped with an exorbitant price for the plot.

WFH FOR METRO? IT COMPANIES PROTEST, GOVT BACKS OFF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER outrage from a considerable number of IT employees over the recent advisory regarding work from home for IT firms on Outer Ring Road till December 2022, the state government issued another communication stating that the previous one was only an advisory and not an indication of any delays in completing Metro works.

This letter from E V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Electronics, IT, BT, Science and Technology, addressed to the Regional Director of National Association of Software and Service Companies stressed that it was "issued as an information about the planned construction work and is to be treated only as an advisory for the consideration of the industry."

The letter further said that Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is focusing on completing the Namma Metro project on time with minimum inconvenience to employees, who want to commute for work or companies that are planning to return to work during the construction phase.

IT professionals, as well as other professionals employed in the IT Parks along the ORR Road, have tagged IT Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan on social media with newspaper clippings of the issue.

A top executive, requesting anonymity, said, "It has been 1.5 years that most of us have not seen the insides of our office. With the Covid cases going down and everything opening up, people of my team were actually looking forward to getting back to work."

What has really annoyed many is that the advisory is not due to Covid, but traffic issues. "Why did BMRCL not use the last 18 months, when roads were deserted, to complete the construction work on this stretch?" he questioned.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

25th August: A Moon-Venus pattern brings together the symbols of motherhood and femininity. So, a great day for women, then! But a bad day for men who reckon that to be aggressively masculine will always get them what they want. And that, in my opinion, is no bad thing!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The time has come to set out to make considerably more of your unique talents or abilities. The current Sun-Venus relationship suggests that you are soon to receive a windfall or some other minor boost to your income. You'll help your cause by being endlessly charming.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There is no need to issue an ultimatum to someone who seems determined to obstruct you or disobey your wishes. Rather you should accept that this is one situation when you must let other people go their own way. You might also have to renounce an ambition - perhaps just temporarily.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Some times of year are quite bland. Others are exciting and traumatic. Your solar chart is still going through a bland phase, which means that life may be uninspiring, but is also potentially rather restful. You'll be able to put your energy into different areas, experimenting with new and untried activities.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You are now moving towards another creative phase. This doesn't mean that you'll suddenly give everything up for the arts, but that you'll be bringing your charming, individual, spontaneous nature to bear on all aspects of your life. You even earn money by applying one of your unique individual skills.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Somehow home and professional affairs are powerfully linked. Perhaps there is scope to work at home. Or perhaps domestic responsibilities are now assuming more importance than professional. Whatever the truth, one quality stands out, and that is your infinite, abundant charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Short journeys are on the agenda. The real reason why you are called away from home may be far from clear, but might have something to do with your past. Chance encounters may be unexpectedly intense, but also mysterious, secret or just misunderstood.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Far from being an irrelevance, nostalgia is a feeling which can have powerful positive consequences. A trip to the places of the past may help you to answer outstanding questions about the present. But it could be a person you haven't seen for far too long who cracks the code.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This time of year is often helpful, but not in an obvious manner. You must take the lead and open up new avenues, preparing the way yourself for your future personal and public successes. At work, you'll do well to give personal relationships the top priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Jupiter is in an emotional sort of state at the moment, which is just one explanation why your judgment is so influenced by personal considerations. Today, though, you should try to be a little bit more businesslike. And, in love, remember that you do still need to build bridges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Stay one step ahead of the changing planetary pattern and start to organise your social affairs. You can be sure that if you get out and start mixing with new people you will gain in completely unexpected ways. Not only that, but rewards will arrive at various moments over the next few years.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It is important that you remain in peak condition, if only for the sake of those people who are depending on you. Actually, this is a period when your physical well-being can only benefit from planetary influences, so clear up all lingering, nagging complaints.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There may be days when you feel that everything is out of control. However, if you think about it, you'll see that there are many ways in which you have set up your current situation. Once you've grasped that simple fact, you'll be ready to start doing something about it!

THE PHANTOM

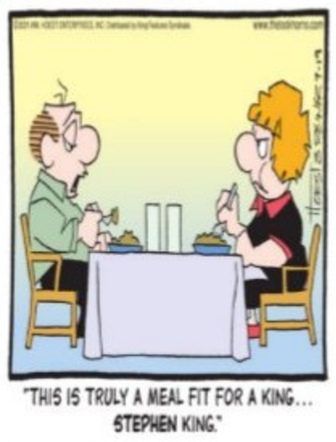
HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

THIS IS A NICER PLACE TO BATHE THAN IN THE BARRACKS
YOU MEN BE SURE TO SCRUB OUT THE POND WHEN YOU'RE DONE
SERGEANT HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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				5	8		3	
7			2			5		1
		1				2	4	8
9	8	5				1		
5		6			1			4
	1		8	7				
		9			2			

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	6	5	3	2	8	9	7	4
7	2	8	6	9	4	1	5	3
3	4	9	7	5	1	8	6	2
4	5	2	8	3	6	7	9	1
8	9	1	2	7	5	3	4	6
6	7	3	1	4	9	2	8	5
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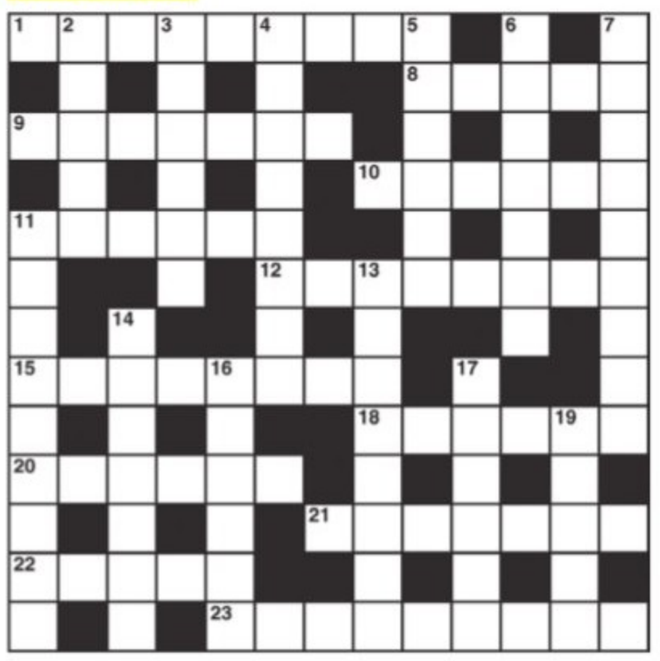
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Not smart new lines in underwear (9)
8 Fierce animal that is barred (5)
9 Hurtful piece clipped out of the newspaper (7)
10 Distinguishing title to open my translation (6)
11 Want to disguise hatred (6)
12 The most memorable animal in the zoo? (8)
15 Strangely in matter of discipline he's strict (8)
18 Revenue for a company in mine workings (6)
20 Pull everything in that's fat (6)
21 A showplace for paintings largely restored (7)
22 Burn slightly in pressing edges (5)
23 One kept - in suspense? (9)

DOWN
2 Cheeky makeup (5)
3 Insert a new word for buries (6)
4 Meal takes an age - unnecessarily (8)
5 Accelerate promotion (4,2)
6 A long time and trouble is involved in their drafting (7)
7 Margin notes possibly make things hot (9)
11 His work is his play (9)
13 Figure how much property I'm coming into (8)
14 I'd learn about another country (7)
16 Subjected to decreasing pressure? (6)
17 Climbed and marked at regular intervals (6)
19 Doctor put right on a fool (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Possess, 4 Cabal, 7 Term, 8 Alsatian, 10 Highhanded, 12 Oxlips, 13 Allows, 15 Single room, 18 Abridged, 19 Asti, 20 Papaw, 21 Squalls.
Down: 1 Pitch, 2 Struggle, 3 Silent, 4 Crane flies, 5 Bait, 6 Landaus, 9 Shop window, 11 Colossal, 12 Oil lamp, 14 Agrees, 16 Mails, 17 Grip.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THACM
RUCTO
VCATIE
CRIFEE

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You're starting to get some wrinkles.
I wish someone would fill in the cracks.
I should grow a beard like yours.
I'd shave it off if I could.
RUSHMORE'S PRESIDENTS CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER SO MUCH THANKS TO ALL THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** DODGE ZESTY DONKEY PARDON
ANSWER: Their father made small devices and gadgets and loved showing off the – DOODADS

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Passengers arriving at Kempegowda International Airport and other entry points in Karnataka from the United Kingdom, Europe and Middle East no longer need to wait at the airport for their RT-PCR test results. They can provide their sample and leave the airport for further compliance, as per SOP

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,259 CASES REPORTED TODAY

1,151 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

	TODAY	YESTERDAY
TOTAL CASES AS OF 24 AUG	29,41,026	29,39,767
DEATHS	29	10

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until August 24, 2021, a total of 29,41,026 cases have been reported in 1 year and 168 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,701	1,442

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	19,784
YESTERDAY	20,255

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.95%
YESTERDAY	6.98%

The day positivity rate – 0.65% – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.06%
YESTERDAY	98.04%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

295 BENGALURU URBAN

13 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	3
Ballari	1
Belagavi	14
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	7
Chikkaballapura	3
Chikkamagaluru	49
Chitradurga	23
Dakshina Kannada	273
Davanagere	30
Dharwad	3
Gadag	1
Hassan	69
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	12
Kodagu	38
Kolar	7
Koppal	7
Mandya	20
Mysuru	102
Raichur	4
Ramanagara	1
Shivamogga	59
Tumakuru	43
Udupi	128
Uttara Kannada	51
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	1

EXPRESS READ

Active cases in Karnataka drop further

Bengaluru: Active cases in Karnataka dropped below 20,000 on Tuesday, which saw 1,259 new cases and 1,701 discharges. Active cases are now at 19,784. The number of active cases in the beginning of August was 24,144, by August 10, it dropped to 22,676, and a further reduction was seen with 21,161 active cases on August 20, while by August 24, active cases dropped to 19,784. While Karnataka on Monday reported only 10 deaths in a long time, the number increased to 29 on Tuesday, and total Covid deaths is now 37,184. Bengaluru, which reported zero deaths on Monday, reported 11 deaths on Tuesday with 295 positive cases and 371 discharges. **ENS**

Hospitals seek manpower from govt for third wave

Docs not ready to work in Covid wards; MBBS students go on leave

RANJANI MADHAVAN
@Bengaluru

WITH the possibility of a Covid third wave in Karnataka, public hospitals are seeking manpower from the state government, based on their experience from the last two waves.

Some of them have sought health workers to fill up vacancies. For instance, Jayanagar General Hospital needs 30 intensivists, physicians and anaesthetists. Many 'Doctors For You' initiative staff withdrew after the second wave cases reduced in this hospital. Currently, KC General Hospital has two physicians and one anesthetist, but needs five more physicians, anesthetists and pediatricians each.

"The second wave was unprecedented and hospitals were caught unawares," said a doctor from CV Raman General Hospital, which needs 10 more staff nurses.

Hospitals are facing another problem too. Many MBBS students who need to compulsorily complete one year of medical service, have gone on unauthorised leave to write PG exams. "Getting a PG seat without the MBBS certificate (which is given after completing service) will be an issue for them. They say they will complete the service later, but the need is now, at least until December, and not two or three years down the line when the coronavirus may not be around. There needs to be clear guidelines from the government," the doctor said.

A doctor from Bowring Hospital said when they called for doctors to fill vacancies at Charaka Hospital, only one of 60 and one of 30 consultants came forward. This is because the contract is short-term, pay is insufficient, and health workers fear contracting Covid.

Doctors are looking at another aspect — Covid patients with other complications. "We need 50 beds reserved in the Institute of Nephro Urology for patients who need renal backup (dialysis), 50 in Nimhans for Covid patients who need neurological care (in cases of stroke), and 50 in Jayadeva Hospital for heart patients (heart attack, arrhythmia), who have contracted the virus. These are necessary as general hospitals do not have specialists for such cases," said a doctor from Jayanagar General Hospital.

Health Minister Sudhakar and Health Commissioner K V Thrilok Chandra were unreachable for comment.

VP takes initiative to get more doses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Centre has agreed to provide more Covid vaccines to Karnataka after Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu spoke to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday.

"The CM requested me to speak to the Centre. I spoke to Mandaviya and he told me they will provide 25 per cent more than what the State is getting now," Naidu said during an informal interaction with media persons at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

"For the time being, this is the arrangement," he said, adding that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will discuss it with Mandaviya during his visit to Delhi on Wednesday and Thursday.

Bommai met Naidu during the launch of 'Vaccinate India Programme', an initiative of the Department of Planning, Karnataka Government, in collaboration with the Give India Foundation and Sustainable Goals Coordination Centre, Bengaluru, at Raj Bhavan, earlier in the day.

Speaking at the event, Naidu asked people to get vaccinated and take precautions.

Bommai expressed hopes of getting adequate quantities of vaccines as the State is planning five lakh vaccinations every day from September. Currently, they are administering 3.5-4 lakh doses a day, and want to increase it from next month, he said.

Bommai said the government is taking all measures like surveillance in border districts to contain Covid spread, building infrastructure like child paediatric centres, ICUs, and extra beds to treat Covid patients.

He called upon companies and philanthropists to come forward to help the government in vaccinating the poor through their CSR initiatives.

IN A NUTSHELL

(JULY 1-31)

AGE GROUP	POSITIVE CASES	DEATHS
0-9	536	0
10-19	1,053	0
20-29	3,394	3

(AUG 1-23)

AGE GROUP	POSITIVE CASES	DEATHS
0-9	369	0
10-19	645	1
20-29	1,946	0

Zero Covid deaths among kids in July, Aug

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

WITH the third wave predicted to hit children, and amid recent reports of many children testing Covid-positive, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) data shows a sunny picture for the past two months. There have been no deaths of children in the 0-9 age group, and only one death in the 10-19 age group, from July 1 to August 23.

According to BBMP War Room data, there have been no Covid deaths from July 1 to 31 in this age group. In the 0-9 age group, approximately 536 children were infected with Covid, while in the 10-19 age group, 1,053 youngsters were infected, but no deaths were reported.

From August 1-23, the number of positive cases in the 0-9 age group was 369, with zero deaths, while the 10-19 age group reported 645 positive cases. One death was reported on August 17 in this age group.

According to health professionals, though children have tested positive, the numbers are few and severity of the infection is low. Even cases of Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), which occurs post recovery from Covid, have come down. MIS-C is a complication which causes inflammation, fever and organ dysfunction. There is also minimal hospital admission of children, say doctors.

Dr Srikanta J T, Paediatric Pulmonologist, Aster CMI Hospital and member of the state's third wave committee said, "Currently, the number of paediatric cases is in single digits in most districts and in proportion to adult cases. During the first and second waves, a large number of adults was infected, which led to an increase in paediatric cases. With cases in adults reducing, there is a decline in paediatric numbers.

"The peak in May resulted in more MIS-C cases from early to late July. We are probably beyond MIS-C now. Mortality rate is also down. Compared to adults, children can cope well with Covid infection," Dr Srikanta said.

Dr Rakshay Shetty, Head, Pediatric Intensive Care Services, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Marathahalli, said a majority of admissions and deaths are related to MIS-C. But now, cases of MIS-C are showing a steady decline across the country.

Experts say this age group has high immunity, so the infection is mild and recovery is swift.

Form NO. 3[See Regulation (1)(a)]
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I, KARNATAKA
NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD BANGALORE-560 025
OA No. 1606 Of 2019
In the Matter of: Union Bank of India, Hennur Road Branch
Versus
M/s The Flavors, 1st Floor, BMTC Complex, Near Vydeshi Hospital, Whitefield Bangalore - 560066
2. Sri. Venugopal Reddy Nandyala S/o Nandyala Narayana Reddy, aged 44 Years, Door No. 2/190-1, Maruthinagar Kadapa - 516001 ...applicant
Also at: No. 4/477-2, Om Shanthinagar, Chinnachowk, Cuddapah Andhra Pradesh - 515002....defendants
SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant bank has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of Rs.31,34,515.86 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand and Five Hundred and Fifteen and Eighty Pise only) along with future interest and costs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement/objections before this Tribunal at **10.30 AM** or such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **13.10.2021** to answer the claim.

2.Copies of the Application is enclosed, list of the enclosures are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexures on appearance before the Tribunal.

3.If intended to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with written statement

4.You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter the tribunal in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed

5. Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

6. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this15th Day of July 2021.

Signature of the Officer
Sd/-
(Authorised to issue summons)

Form No INC-26

(Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014)
BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
South East Region, Hyderabad

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of **NOVA MEDICAL CENTERS NCR REGION PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN: U85110KA2010PTC072131), having its registered office at 3rd Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers, M. G. Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 001.

.....Applicant Company

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Applicant Company proposes to make application to the Central Government through the Regional Director, South East Region under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of the alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Applicant Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on July 30, 2021 to enable the Applicant Company to change its registered office from the "State of Karnataka" to the "State of Maharashtra, within the jurisdiction of Registrar of Companies at Mumbai".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Applicant Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint or cause to be delivered or send by registered post his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad - 500 068, Telangana or at the address of Registrar Of Companies, 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Banglore – 560 034, Karnataka, within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant Company at its Registered Office at 3rd Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers, M. G. Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 001.

By Order of the Board

FOR NOVA MEDICAL CENTERS NCR REGION PRIVATE LIMITED

-Sd/-	-Sd/-
Kumar Shobhit Agarwal	Ritesh Pandey
Director	Director
DIN: 06700803	DIN: 07088000

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

LABOUR DEPARTMENT
Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 029.
Tel Nos :080-29753354, 29653354 & 29543646 Email: **karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board was established in 2007, under The Building and Other Construction Workers'(Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 read with The Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (KARNATAKA) Rules, 2006.

Applicability

It is applicable to every establishment which employs, or had employed on any day of the preceding twelve months, ten or more building workers in any building or other construction work.

Building or other construction work means

The construction, alteration, repairs, maintenance or demolition of or in relation to, building, streets, roads, irrigation, drainage, generation of power, dams, canals reservoirs etc.

Registration

Every employer shall register their establishment with the registering officer in FORM I and obtain Certificate of Registration from the concerned Jurisdictional Labour Officer

Levy of Cess

Cess is levied under Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act 1996 read with The Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Rules ,1998 at one per cent on the cost of construction including all expenditure incurred by the employer in connection with the building or other construction excluding land cost and compensation payable under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923. Every Employer under sub rule (1) of Rule 6, shall within thirty days of commencement of his work or payment of Cess, as the case may be, furnish to the Assessing Officer, information in Form I.

BANK DETAILS FOR CESS PAYMENT

- Name of the Account : **Karnataka Building & Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board.**
- Bank Name : **Canara Bank, Hombegowda Nagara Branch, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027**
- Account Number : **1371101079786**
- Bank IFSC Code : **CNRB0001371**
- PAN Number : **AAALK0820C**

PENALTIES: Interest payable on delay of Cess: 2% per month on the amount to be paid. Penalty for nonpayment of Cess: not exceeding the Cess amount. Furnishes any false return, punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both. Willful/Intentional evasion of Cess: Punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both

Sd/-
Akram Pasha, I.A.S
Chief Inspector and Labour Commissioner

DIPR/DDU/Zen/R.O:1278/2021-22

For further information contact: Labour Helpline 155214, Labour Officers or Senior Labour Inspectors/Labour Inspectors, Department of Labour. Website: https://karbwwb.karnataka.gov.in/

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

KOTESHWARA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA
No.12/2, 'Vishvothama', 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020
email : koteshwarabank@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Koteshwara Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, No,12/2, 'Vishvothama', 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notice dated **18th May 2021** calling upon the Borrower, owner of the property **1) Smt.Srilatha S W/o Narasimha murthy G** No.50,6th Cross,Tulasinagar, Magadi Main Road, Hosahalli,Gollara playa, Vishwa Needam post, Bengaluru -91 **2) Sri. Narasimha murthy G S/o Gangaiah** No.50,6th Cross,Tulasinagar, Magadi Main Road, Hosahalli,Gollara playa, Vishwa Needam post, Bengaluru -91 and Guarantor **3) Sri. Purushothama S S/o Late Srinivasaiah** No.50, 6th Cross, Opp. Eshwara Temple Tulasinagar, G Halli, Vishwa Needam Post, Bengaluru -91 **4) Sri Chidananda murthy P S/o Pujagaiah** No.1452, 4th B Cross, Sanakki Bavallu, Vrushabhavathinagar, Bengalru – 560079 repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 33,76,126/ (Rupees Thirty Three lakhs Seventy Six thousand one hundred twenty one only)** with further interest from **18.05.2021** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower / Guarantor, owners of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to borrower, owner of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **23rd** August **2021**.

The Borrower/Guarantor/owner's attention is invited to the provisions of sub section (8) of the section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the Security Assets/Secured Assets.

The Borrower/Guarantor/owner's of property, in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Koteshwara Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, No.12/2, 2nd Main, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 for an amount of Rs.**33,76,126/- (Rupees Thirty Three lakhs Seventy Six thousand One hundred twenty Six only)** and further interest accrued and other charges from **18.05.2021** thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property
Details of Mortgage property in the name of Smt.Srilatha S W/o Narasimha Murthy G

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing site No.50, Khatha No.7/2, Hosahalli Gollarapalya Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet together with the building with all amenities and bounded on the:-

East by : Road | West by : Others Property
North by: Site No.51 | South by : Site No.49.

Date: 23.08.2021
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Koteshwara Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

Form No INC-26

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BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
South East Region, Hyderabad

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AND
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By Order of the Board

FOR NEO ART REPOSITORY PRIVATE LIMITED

-Sd/-	-Sd/-
Kumar Shobhit Agarwal	Ritesh Pandey
Director	Director
DIN: 06700803	DIN: 07088000

Kannada medium private schools have threatened to protest in various phases after September 15, if the government fails to grant those established after 1995, the status of aided schools

Anand Singh blinks, okay with tourism

Was miffed at not getting desired portfolio

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER maintaining a belligerent stand for three weeks over allocation of portfolio, Tourism Minister Anand Singh made a climbdown on Tuesday. Singh, who was sulking over not getting a portfolio of his choice, gave in to party pressure after some tough talking.

Singh, who had taken oath as minister on August 4, participated in the first cabinet meeting the same day and was in ebullient spirits, but had started sulking since August 7 soon after he was allocated the Tourism, Environment and Ecology portfolio instead of the Forest ministry which he was eyeing. He had even threatened to resign as MLA from Hosapete, ignoring constant overtures from the party. On August 10, he got a signboard in front of his office in Hosapete removed to indicate his displeasure.

Sources said the BJP had warned Singh that it will not tolerate his sulking anymore. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel had asked him to take charge of the allotted ministry immediately. The central leadership had indicated that his demand for a different portfolio could be considered when the cabinet is expanded to include four more ministers, the sources added.

Singh told the media before assuming charge that he had been informed by the CM to take charge immediately and that his appeal to be allocated a better portfolio would be considered at a later stage.

Anand Singh was among the first to resign as MLA in 2019, which led to the exodus of 17 MLAs and brought down the JDS-Congress coalition government a few weeks later. He is a wealthy politician in Karnataka and has been in all three parties and is considered very influential. He was a minister in the 2008-13 BJP government too.

Political observers said Singh's influence can be gauged from the fact that he was accommodated by the previous CM, B S Yediyurappa, who had even given him the desired Forest portfolio and named him as minister in charge of Ballari district. Not only that, acting on Singh's demand, the new Vijayanagar district was carved out despite opposition from within the BJP.

THE CHALLENGERS

SMALLER PARTIES GET READY FOR BIG FIGHT IN STATE

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Tumakuru

IN a political space dominated by the three major parties - BJP, Congress and JDS - smaller parties, which have no base as such in Karnataka, are getting ready to test the waters at the more grassroots level in the upcoming elections to urban local bodies and the zilla and taluk panchayat elections. The first test will be the September 3 polls for the city corporations of Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi and the trend may continue right up to the BBMP polls, which is expected to be held by the year-end.

For the first time, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has fielded its candidates hoping to find acceptance with the minorities, especially in urban areas, as the community had supported the AAP in New Delhi. "We are aiming for the votes of women and youths with a promise of world class cities by highlighting the historical significance of the place. The AIMIM, led by Asaduddin Owaisi, might be contesting the polls to divide votes, but we are here for inclusive politics", said Pritvi Reddy, Karnataka Convener for AAP.

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) too has fielded its candi-

dates in eight wards each of the Kalaburagi and Hubballi-Dharward city corporations where it has some presence. "We have committed party workers and the exit of Kollegal MLA N Mahesh is a blessing in disguise as the party has cleansed itself", remarked BSP state president Dr Krishnamurthy.

He clarified that for the BSP, the division of votes of a particular community is irrelevant. Instead, the BSP will highlight how the lives of the Bahujans (SCs, STs and OBCs) have not improved under previous regimes. The party has been reportedly holding a series of workshops for its cadre across the state and interestingly, the participants have been turning up at their own cost for travel and stay.

In 2004, when party leader Mayawati's charisma was at a high, the BSP, by grabbing just over 2.5 per cent vote share in the Karnataka Assembly polls, is believed to have impacted the Congress party's prospects in about 45 constituencies. The party managed to register its first win in the 2018 Assembly polls, bagging the Kollegal seat.

Meanwhile, the Republican Party of India(RPI), founded by Union Minister of State for Social Justice, Ramdas Athawale, has also been organising its workers across the state under the leadership of M Venkataswamy.

The outcome of the urban local body polls may well set a trend for the BBMP polls and next Assembly elections and give a hint about whose prospects the smaller parties will dent.

Panel to oversee Jal Jeevan multi-village scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF minister Basavaraj Bommai has directed officials to constitute a monitoring committee for effective implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission's multi-village drinking water scheme in the state.

At a review meeting with the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj officials on Tuesday, he said that this is one of the ambitious schemes of the Union government. The scheme has to be reviewed once in 15 days by officials and he will review it once a month, he added.

Bommai instructed officials to start preparing the plan for 2022-23, and said for this financial year, approval for all detailed project reports has to be completed by October 2021. He also instructed officials to resolve issues, if any, related to approval of these DPRs or staff shortage.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai chairs a review meeting with RDPR officials in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Jal Jeevan Mission is the Centre's flagship programme to provide clean drinking water through tap connections to all rural households by 2024. The Centre is constantly monitoring its implementation. During his recent visit to the state to review implementation of the project, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had directed the state government to pull up its socks.

CM CALLS ON BSY

Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai called upon his predecessor B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday evening at the latter's residence and spoke to him for around half-an-hour. Yediyurappa had been on a five-day vacation with his family to the Maldives and had returned on Monday.

Bommai to discuss cabinet during Delhi visit

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BOMMAI, who will be visiting Delhi for the third time since taking over as chief minister, is trying for an appointment with BJP national president is JP Nadda to discuss filling up four cabinet vacancies.

The chief minister said that to ensure continuity in the State's fight against the Covid pandemic, he has ordered the same expert committee to continue to monitor the Covid situation.

"Experts have warned of a Covid third wave and we are preparing for it. I have called for a meeting on August 30 where expert committee members and ministers will discuss the Covid situation," he added.

Meanwhile, Water Resources Minister Govind Karajol too held a review meeting with his department officials to discuss legal issue related to Mekedatur project.

Secy appointed, mines dept gets going finally

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

MINES and Geology Minister Halappa Achar, whose office had not been fully functional ever since he had taken charge, is now buzzing with activity. On Tuesday, the minister appointed all the necessary staff, including a private secretary, for the smooth functioning of his office on the third floor of Vidhana Soudha.

Halappa Achar told *TNIE* that he has appointed Nanda Kumar as his private secretary, who had earlier served with Dinesh Gundu Rao when the latter was Food and Civil Supplies minister.

On Tuesday, *TNIE* had reported that even 20 days after he was sworn in as minister, Achar's office was not fully functional as a private secretary had not been appointed (With no key officer, Mines dept yet to get off starting block). There were also complaints in the bureaucracy that though the mining sector could help kickstart the sluggish economy, it had suffered because key appointments had not been made.

GTD breaks silence, says ready to join Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

DISGRUNTLED JDS legislator from Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, G T Devegowda, who has kept a distance from the party, has broken his silence by openly expressing his displeasure over the manner in which he was treated. The senior Vokkaliga leader spoke of how he was "cornered" in the JDS and announced that he was in talks with Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar to join their party.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, the former minister claimed that he was badly humiliated in the JDS which forced him decide on quitting the party. "I recently expressed my feelings with JD(S) supremo H D Deve Gowda and told him how I was humiliated in the party. He suggested that I continue in the party to which I said 'Sorry, I have already spoken to Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar," said Devegowda, hinting that he will join the Congress soon.

Devegowda also expressed his ire against KR Nagar MLA Sa Ra Mahesh, accusing him of wanting to emerge as a prominent JD(S) leader in Mysuru at the behest of HD Kumaraswamy. "Sa Ra Mahesh is a 'hero' only if Kumaraswamy is with him, but becomes 'zero' without him," he said.

"I always remained loyal to the party... I was not invited for any major meetings or assignments of the party and was projected as though I intentionally skipped them."

Devegowda said a delegation appealed to the party to make him the Mysuru district president of JDS, but Kumaraswamy backed Mahesh. "Though I never went to anyone seeking any post, I was humiliated," he said.

Reacting to the issue of a pamphlet of Congress candidate for the by-election for Ward 36 of Mysuru City Corporation using a photo of his son Harish Gowda, Devegowda said that the candidate Rajani Annaiah is a family member. "After taking the B-form from Siddaramaiah, she even visited me and took my blessings. Harish Gowda has not joined Congress, but his photos are still being used in pamphlets," he said.

ON THE JOB

Transport Minister B Sriramulu holds his maiden review meeting of the department after taking charge, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

7L students to begin higher edn under NEP: Minister

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

AROUND seven lakh students, who have successfully completed their Pre-university Course (PUC) in the state, may pursue higher education under the newly introduced New Education Policy, said Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Tuesday.

"Karnataka is the first state to implement the policy from the current academic year. It will apply for first-year students of degree, post-graduate and diploma courses. Arrangements have been made to teach students as per the new policy," Ashwath Narayan told TNIE during his visit to Kalaburagi. He was here to participate in a one-day seminar on the New Education Policy-2020, organised by Gulbarga University.

Minister C N Ashwath Narayan speaks at a seminar in Kalaburagi on Tuesday

To a query, the minister said that eight lakh students had cleared their PUC II examination this year. Of them, seven lakh may pursue higher education while the rest may opt for ITI, or job-oriented short-term courses, or take up jobs.

Elaborating on the policy, he said, "Two languages will be taught under the New Education Policy. Kannada will be compulsory and students have the option to select a second language. The tri-language formula will be there till Class 10/PUC II. But, in the higher education system, there will be a two-language policy. We have made Kannada compulsory as first language."

The minister said the government will release grants to both Gulbarga University and the newly established Raichur University to recruit teaching and non-teaching staff. He said that there is no proposal before the government to change the name of Raichur University.

Speaking to media persons later, Ashwath Narayan said that there is apprehension that the Covid third wave may be severe in October.

"It might or might not be severe. However, the government cannot postpone the reopening of colleges based just on apprehension. Sixty per cent of students have already taken the first dose of vaccine and teaching staffers have also been vaccinated," he added.

RS ruckus a new low in Parliament: Venkaiah

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NAIDU termed the recent ruckus in the Rajya Sabha as a new low in Parliament. Reiterating that he is not afraid of taking action against those responsible, Naidu said, "What happened in the Rajya Sabha is unfortunate and has to be remedied at the earliest. I am looking into it as to what action has to be taken."

Taking action is not the only solution and political parties too have the responsibility in improving the functioning of Parliament and state assemblies, he said, suggesting strengthening of anti-defection laws.

In a democracy, decency and decorum have to be maintained and the approach should be development-oriented. It works on the principle that "government proposes, opposition opposes and the House disposes," he said. He clarified that he is not talking about politics, but is only emphasising the need to maintain order.

Campaign seeks repeal of anti-cow slaughter Act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE 'Ahaara Namma Hakku' (Right to Food), an umbrella organisation of SCs, farmers' and progressive organisations, has demanded the State Government to withdraw the anti-cow slaughter Act claiming that it is adversely affecting minority communities.

The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020, has taken away the livelihood and essential nutrition source for SC, Adivasi, Muslim and other minority communities, the forum said in a press statement.

During the lockdown, children were bereft of mid-day meals and rations, and taking away a cheap nutritious food source is not scientific, the forum members said.

"Beef is a nutrient-dense food that can go a long way in addressing anaemia and vitamin A, B complex, zinc and protein deficiencies. We, therefore, demand that the elected government take cognizance of the enormous damage to the livelihood, nutrition and mental health that this poorly thought out Act has resulted in. We demand its immediate withdrawal," they said, demanding that a statement be issued that no person attached to the cattle business will be harassed, threatened or abused for their occupation, cultural or nutritional choices.

The statement pointed out that there have been several instances of minority communities being targeted by communal and casteist forces leading to physical, social and psychological stress. The anti-cow slaughter Act further victimises these communities, makes them economically vulnerable while enabling lynch mobs and self-appointed vigilante groups, they added.

The statement stated that there are adverse physical, social and psychological consequences for farmers, transporters, slaughterhouse workers, tannery workers, loaders/unloaders, cleaners, sanitation workers, butchers, small and large eateries, street vendors and a whole gamut of associated services. They also said that the claim that consuming beef will reduce indigenous cattle population, lead to illegal slaughter or transportation and farmer suicides is not borne out of facts.

"The groups affected by the ban have categorically said that they respect Hindu sentiments, but bringing a blanket ban to cover oxen, bulls and buffaloes show that targeting minorities and SCs seem to be the bigger agenda," they said.

Attendance meaningless without textbooks: HC

Aug 30 meet to decide on Classes 1-8

The State Government informed the court that a decision on starting Classes 1-8 will be taken at a meeting to be held on August 30.

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NOT satisfied with the State Government's assertion that school textbooks will be supplied in a phased manner by September-end, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday said students should have textbooks and noted that only then will attendance and imparting education be meaningful.

The court further noted that without textbooks, attendance will be purposeless. The government should ensure supply of textbooks to students of Classes 9-10 in government and aided schools and submit a status report on the progress made till August 30, the next date of hearing, it said. A division bench passed the order after the government advocate submitted that classes had already started and gradually student attendance will increase by which time textbooks will be supplied in a phased manner September-end.

The court noted that education officers at the taluk level can send textbooks in PDF format to those students who have necessary gadgets and make an effort to provide printouts of PDF to those who do not have gadgets.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanthegowda has clarified that even as some roads lack 'Parking' signage, it does not mean motorists can treat them as parking zones. Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, he said people cannot assume that they can park their vehicles anywhere just because there is no 'No-Parking' signage.

Former tenant held for murder of elderly couple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Kumaraswamy Layout police have arrested four accused who allegedly murdered an elderly couple, and have recovered gold jewellery worth Rs 8.5 lakh from them. The prime accused was a tenant of the couple six years ago. He hatched the plot with three others, and all of them arrived in the city from Hindupur to execute the crime.

The four, identified as Narayanaswamy (48), Devangam Ramu alias Ramaswamy (45), Shaik Asif (47) and Gangadhar (41), are accused of murdering Shantharaju (65), a retired BMTC employee, and his wife Premalatha (61), on Friday afternoon.

A senior police officer said that Narayanaswamy, who ran a grocery store, was facing financial trouble and had taken loans from private financiers in Andhra Pradesh. Since he was unable to repay debts, he came up with a plan to kill the couple and rob their valuables. Accordingly, he visited the couple's house two weeks ago, but learnt that they were away attending a wedding. He, however, continued to watch their house, keeping track of their movements.

Roping in his associates, he came to their house on Friday morning, and chatted with the couple over tea. A little later, Ramaswamy asked where the washroom was. When Premalatha was leading him, he attacked her from behind and strangled her to death with a cable inside a room, while the three others slit Shantharaju's throat. They then removed gold ornaments from Premalatha's body and ransacked the house, escaping with just the Rs 2,000 in cash they could find. They headed for Majestic and took a government bus to reach their hometown, the officer added.

A special team scanned around 300 CCTV clips to establish the identity of the accused and also questioned about 120 people, including relatives, friends and tenants, before the police zeroed in on Narayanaswamy.

Kumaraswamy Layout police with the four accused and recovered loot in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Snacks unit blast claims 2 more lives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after a boiler exploded at a condiments manufacturing unit, two of the injured succumbed at Victoria Hospital on Tuesday morning, taking the toll to four. The deceased have been identified as Dhanalakshmi (52) and Sachin (41), who were said to be critical after the incident, which occurred at Gopalapura on Magadi Main Road on Monday. Two workers were charred to death on the spot.

According to a senior police officer, doctors declared the death of Sachin, a partner in MM Food Products which owns the unit, and Dhanalakshmi, an employee, in the early hours of Tuesday. Meanwhile, the condition of an injured employee, Shanthi, remains critical.

The postmortem of Sachin and Dhanalakshmi was conducted on Tuesday, while police are waiting for the families of Manish Kumar (20) and Sourav (21) to arrive from their native Bihar, to proceed with their postmortem.

"We are looking for the owner, Vijay Mehta, who is absconding since the mishap. Both Sachin and Mehta hail from Rajasthan and launched the food manufacturing unit 15 years ago," the officer said.

Passersby and police personnel at the snacks unit, soon after the boiler explosion | EXPRESS

₹66L for pup! African arrested for swindling Uttarakhand woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 50-year-old woman from Dehradun ended up paying Rs 66 lakh for a Golden Retriever pup, in an alleged cyberfraud by a Cameroon national residing in Bengaluru. The accused, Ding Bobga Clowes alias Bobby Ibrahim, was arrested by Uttarakhand police after the victim lodged a police complaint. Clowes was taken to Dehradun, where he was remanded in judicial custody.

DSP (STF), Uttarakhand, Ankush Mishra said the victim lodged a complaint after she lost Rs 66 lakh to online fraud by Clowes. "She wanted to buy a Golden Retriever pup online, priced at Rs 15,000, as a birthday gift for her daughter. She was trapped by Clowes, who brainwashed her into paying Rs 66 lakh in stages, after he claimed breeding charges, transport tax, customs and other charges," Mishra told *TNIE*.

"He first asked her to make some payment online, then kept asking her to pay more towards some fraudulent expenses. When she became suspicious and asked him to return the money, he told her to pay more money to get her entire money back," he added. STF SP Ajay Singh said they recovered electronic gadgets, more than a dozen mobile phones, sim cards, ATM cards, laptops and other electronic devices from the accused.

SAFE RESERVOIRS

Keep checks on illegal mining, HC tells state govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN view of the statement made by the State Government and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) that they will ensure that no illegal mining is carried out in and around Thippagondanahalli and Manchanabele reservoirs, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday disposed of a PIL filed by Samaja Parivarthana Samithi in 2017.

However, the court directed the State Government and KSPCB to carry out periodical checks every month, and if any illegal mining is noticed near the reservoirs, the petitioner or any other person can lodge a complaint with the Grievance Redressal Mechanism created by the KSPCB, and the former is at liberty to revive the petition.

Meanwhile, the KSPCB has filed the status report enclosing details of action taken against alleged illegal mining, and stone crushing units, and quarrying in and around the reservoirs.

EXPRESS READ

Husband arrested after woman ends life

Bengaluru: Unable to bear her husband's alleged torture, a 31-year-old woman took her own life at their house in Ramamurthynagar on Monday. The deceased has been identified as Shruthi. She was married to Mithun (35), who runs ARR Badminton Academy in Horamavu. The couple, who has a four-year-old son, had a fight, following which Shruthi allegedly hanged herself. Based on a complaint by Ranjith, her brother, Mithun has been arrested.

Man stops youth from seeing daughter, killed

Bengaluru: A 55-year-old man was allegedly murdered by a youth, who was reportedly in love with his daughter, after he had warned the latter to stay away from her. The incident took place at Betthanagere in Nelamangala on Tuesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Nagappa, who was allegedly attacked with an iron rod and murdered by Naresh (28) and his friend, when he was heading to work. Police have nabbed the duo.

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POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable & Movables Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Pragathi Co-operative Bank Ltd.**, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules on **19.08.2021**

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charges of the **Pragathi Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

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1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri. Vishnu Thimmappa Vantagodi S/o Sri. Thimmappa.R. Vantagodi, No.16, NRI Institute Road, 11th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabavi, Bangalore - 560072.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs 44,83,009=00 (Rupees Forty four Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Nine Only) as on **04.06.2021** and interest+ expenses thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 07.06.2021
Description of the Immovable Property : All The Piece And Parcel of the House Property Bearing No.56/1 Katha No.238, Kottige palaya grama, Sreegandada Kaval, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West: North side 94.53 feet, South side:79.42 feet, North to South : East side:20.47 feet, West side 21.00 feet, including triangle shape East to west –North side 13.4 feet south side 0.0 feet North to South Eastern side 24.05 feet and Western side 20.47 feet, total 1954.8 sq ft., and the building consists of two floor and Bounded as: East by: Road, West by: Chikkamuniyappa's, North by: Govt. Halla, South by: Ravikumar's Property.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri. Chandran .A S/o Sri. Alagiri swamy, and **Smt. Thilagavathi** W/o Chandran .A Address bearing No. 51/47, 15th Main, 19th Cross, J.C. Nagar, Kurabarahalli, Bangalore – 560086.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs 29,02,412=00** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Only) as on **04.06.2021** and interest+ expenses there on.
Demand Notice Dated : 07.06.2021
Description of the Immovable Property : All the Piece and parcel of house Property bearing No.51/4, PID No.13-44-51/4, Old Sothern portion Municipal No.51/4,Formerly site No.13 in Sy.No.24/2 at Leggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, 15th Main Road, J.C. Nagara, BBMP Old Ward No.13,New Ward No.75, Measuring East to West :40 feet, North to South :15 feet, total 600 sq.ft. and the building consists of two floor and Bounded as: East by: Property bearing Site No.4, West by: Road, North by: Remaining Northern portion of the same property, South by: Property No.12.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri. Anjan kumar. H.S S/o Sri. H.C Sadashivaiah, # 7, New No.42, House No.76, Herohalli, M.M.Road, Viswaneedam Post, Bangalore – 560091.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs 5,87,186=00** (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six Only) as on **04.06.2021** and interest+ expenses there on.
Demand Notice Dated : 07.06.2021
Description of the Immovable Property : All The Piece And Parcel of the Property Bearing No.42, (Southern portion) Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 34 feet and North to South 32 feet total 1088 sq feet and Bounded as: East by: Property belongs to Sri. Chandrashekar, West by: Road, North by: property belongs to Shivaprasad, South by: Road.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri. Mohan Kumar H.D S/o Sri. H.D. Devegowda, No.51/C/16, 1st 'A' Main Road, K H B Colony, Basaveswara Nagara, Bangalore - 560079.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : **Rs 58,99,486=00** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six Only) as on **04.06.2021** and interest+ expenses there on.
Demand Notice Dated : 07.06.2021
Description of the Immovable Property : All The Piece And Parcel of the Property Bearing No.35, Eastern Portion of the site bearing No.14, khatha PID No.21-44-35, Sy No.79, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Ward No.105 and Municipal No.34, PID No.21-45-34, Western portion of site No.14, Western side 2nd cross, 2nd Division, 21st Ward, Magadi Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Sy.No.79, East to West 3 feet, North to South 35 feet including both measuring East to West 18 feet and North to South 35 feet and Bounded as: East by: Remaining portion of property No.34, West by: Remaining portion of property No.35, North by: Property of Gadinarayanappa property, South by: Road.

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Kanhangad
14-08-2021
Sd/-
Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client Smt. Venkatalakshmi. V. D/o B.M. Venkateshaiah, Aged about 44 years, R/at "Srivaru Nilaya", 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Main Road, Mathikere Extension, Bangalore-54. Previously R/at No. 222/4, Bahubalinagar, Jalahalli, Bangalore-13, through the legal notice dated 24.08.2021 has revoked/cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 09.07.2008 standing in the name of Sri. B.V. Shiva Kumar S/o B.M. Venkateshaiah which was entered at Sl.No. 224, page No. 47, Volume No. I dated 09.07.2008 before L.S. Kumaraswamy, Notary Regn. No. 2152, Government of India, Bangalore partaining to 1/4th share of Smt Venkatalakshmi. V. in the schedule properties. The said B.V. Shiva Kumar is ceased to be the power of Attorney holder of Smt. Venkatalakshmi. V. The public are hereby informed and requested not deal with the said B.V. Shiva Kumar in respect to the 1/4th share of Smt. Venkatalakshmi in the schedule properties in any manner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTYS

The lands bearing Sy.No. 10 measuring 3 acres 30 guntas, Sy.No. 11 measuring 0.37 guntas, Sy.No. 3/3 measuring 0-25.4 guntas, Sy.No. 42/1B measuring 0-06.08 guntas situated at Bhuvanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Devenahalli taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

L. Mahadevaiah, Advocate
No. 62/2, 1st Floor, 27th Cross,
Cubbon Pet Main Road, Cubbon Pet,
Bangalore - 560002. Ph: 9591015658
Bangalore
Date: 24.08.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client Smt. Lakshmi W/o Prakasha. K., Aged about 46 years, R/at Qrtrs. No.33, 4th Floor, CBI Complex, CBI Road, Kathrikadavu, Kaloor, Ernakulam, Kerala-682017. Previously R/at No. 222/4, Bahubalinagar, Jalahalli, Bangalore-13, through the legal notice dated 24.08.2021 has revoked/cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 09.07.2008 standing in the name of Sri. B.V. Shiva Kumar S/o B.M. Venkateshaiah which was entered at Sl.No. 225, page No. 47, Volume No. I dated 09.07.2008 before L.S. Kumaraswamy, Notary Regn. No. 2152, Government of India, Bangalore partaining to 1/4th share of Smt Lakshmi. in the schedule properties. The said B.V. Shiva Kumar is ceased to be the power of Attorney holder of Smt. Lakshmi. The public are hereby informed and requested not deal with the said B.V. Shiva Kumar in respect to the 1/4th share of Smt. Lakshmi in the schedule properties in any manner.

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M. Murali Babu, Advocate
21/2, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore - 560009. Ph: 9448810418
Bangalore
Date: 24.08.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that our Client **Mr. N. Srinivasa** intends to purchase the immovable property, more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property from its Owners. Any person/entity asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, or having any claim on or against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof, or against the owners or objecting to such sale should lodge their objections and/or claim in writing along with documentary proof for asserting his/her/their right/s with regard to the Schedule property or any part thereof, with the under signed within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this Notice, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing **Sy. No.167, old Sy. No. 16 situated at Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District,** measuring a total of 04 acres 36 guntas and bounded on the **EAST BY:** Road, **WEST BY:** Land owned by Nanjundappa and Gundappa, **NORTH BY:** Land in Survey No.1 to 8, **SOUTH BY:** Land owned by Siddamariyappa.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-01) AT BANGALORE

Misc. Petition No. 308/2021

BETWEEN : Mohammed Musa Sait Wakf, A Private Wakf having its Registered Office At: Unit 1A, Shyam's Gardens, No. 10, Khader Nawaz Khan Road, Chennai 600 006 Represented by its Muthavalli, Mr. M. Muneer Sait ...**Petitioner**

AND :

Nil ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named has filed a Petition to this Court under Sec. 34 and 36 of the Indian Trust Act, 1882 for grant of permission to the Muthavalli of Petitioner Wakf to lease Schedule 'B' Property in favour of the Proposed Lessee (i.e. M/s. Apple India Private Limited) for a period upto 25 years as agreed in the Agreement to Lease dated 18/12/2020 on the terms and conditions stipulated therein, either under one lease deed or under multiple lease deeds, as may be required by the Proposed Lessee.

Any persons having any claim, interest or objections in this matter shall appear in person/pleader **on 30/09/2021,** before the Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge Bangalore (CCH No. 01) at 11.00 A.M, to Show Cause as to why the Petitioner should not be permitted to lease the Schedule 'B' Property in favour of the Proposed Lessee on the terms and conditions stipulated in the Agreement to Lease dated 18/12/2020, failing which the Court will pass appropriate orders as prayed for by the Petitioner, as if there is no claim or objections from any persons.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

ALL THAT property immovable property bearing clubbed Municipal No. 6 (earlier Municipal Nos. 6 and 7), Cubbon Road, Bangalore measuring about Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen point four one (9,116.41) square meters, or Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six (98,126) Square feet, and bounded as follows:

East by : Road Leading to Cantonment Railway Station; **West by:** Government Property (Vishveshwaraiah Towers); **North by :** Portion of the same property now developed as Prestige Nebula I & II buildings; and **South by :** Cubbon Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that office space allotted to the share of Petitioner in the Building Prestige Minsk Square being constructed in or upon the Schedule 'A' Property i.e.,

Office Block

Floor	Unit No.	Area (Sft)
Sixth Floor	602	16,428
Seventh Floor	701	32,212
Eighth Floor	801	32,308
Nineth Floor	901	32,149
		1,13,097

FOOD COURT BLOCK

FLOOR	UNIT No.	AREA (Sft)
Fourth Floor	402	3,791
Total		3,791
GRAND TOTAL		**1,16,888**

Level	Car Park (Nos.)
Basement 1	55
Basement 2	72
Basement 3	72
Surface	8
Total	**207**

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 24th day of August 2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Mohumed Sadigh B A**
47, 1st Floor, Gold Tower, #50, Residency Road,
Bangalore-560025.

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[See rule 8 (1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 11.05.2021 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers, **(1) Sri. Kumar Naidu M,** S/o. M D Naidu and **(2) Smt. Haritha M.,** W/o. Kumar Naidu, both of them residing at No. 48/105, 8th Cross, 6th Main, Ranga Dasappa Layout, B G Road, Bangalore - 560030 and also at : 108/112, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 029 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as outstanding in the SIB Mini Rental limit (0517652000000301) being Rs.53,89,116.98 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen and ninety eight paise only) as on 10.05.2021, with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **23rd day of August, 2021.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of Rs.55,65,666.98 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six and ninety eight paise only) as on 22.08.2021 with further interest, penal interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable property

All that piece and parcel of land measuring East to West: 30 Ft. and North to South: 16 Ft., totally admeasuring 480 Sq.ft., along with residential building and other usufructs and improvements thereon situated in property bearing Municipal No. 99/1 (Souther Portion of Property No.99, Old Site No.81, laidout in Sy. No. 67/1 of Adugodi village) situated at 03rd Main Road, Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, Municipal Ward no. 146, Old ward No. 63, Corporation PID No. 63-77-99/1, Bangalore in the name of Smt. Haritha M vide Sale Deed No. 936/2010-11 dated 26.11.2010 and Rectification Deed no. 1278/2010-11 dated 09.02.2011, both of SRO Shanthinagar, Bangalore and bounded on the East : by Property bearing No. 80, West : By Main Road, North : By Northern portion of Property no. 81/99 belonging to Smt. Gajalakshmi and South : by Property bearing No. 77.

Sd/-
Date : 23.08.2021 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated **05.05.2021** calling upon the Borrower, **Mr.D.Manoharlal Chopda,** S/o.Mr.Devaraj Jain, Proprietor, M/s.Shanthi Jewellers, and the **Guarantor / Mortgagor, Mrs.Nanda Chopda alias Nanda Jain** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.36,78,954.00** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four only) as on **30.04.2021** plus future interest thereon from **01.05.2021** and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and the Guarantor / Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **19th day of August, 2021.**

The borrower's / guarantor's/ Mortgagor's attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower and the Guarantor / Mortgagor in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Bangalore City Branch** for **Rs.35,83,047/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Forty Seven only) as on **31.07.2021** with future interest from **01.08.2021** and costs thereon (Less recovery, if any, after **31.07.2021**).

Description of the Property

Land to the extent of 1410 sq.ft bearing Municipal New No.19, Old No.30, Present PID No.76-69-19 and Residential Building constructed thereat to the extent of 2648.45 sq.ft (Ground Floor – 806.00 sq.ft + First Floor –860.68 sq.ft.+ Second Floor–860.68 sq.ft. + Terrace Floor–121.09 sq.ft.) at Shoolay Bazaar Street, in Richmond Town, BMP Ward No.76, Ashoknagar, Bangalore including all amenities standing in the name of Mrs. Nanda Chopda alias Nanda Jain. Boundaries: North : Shoolay Bazaar Street Road and Private property, South: Portion of Property No.19, retained by vendor, East : Private property belongs to Mr. Venkataswamy Naidu, West : Private property belongs to Mr. Siddoji Rao.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.
Date : 19.08.2021 **Bengaluru Region (For Bangalore City Branch)**

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Mathikere Branch
No.21, MSRE Road, Mathikere,
Bangalore - 560054, Ph : 080-22959737
E-Mail : bm1994@unionbankofindia.com

DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: M/s Amogh Enterprises Proprietor. Rajesh N S/o Narasimhiah, No. 38, Market Road Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004. **and also at :** No. 17, 8th Main, 12th Cross, 2nd Phase, Near BDA Park, Girinagar, Bangalore - 560085. **Co-Obligant / Morgagor / Guarantor : Sunita W/o Rajesh n** No. 17, 8th Main, 12th Cross, 2nd Phase, Near BDA Park, Girinagar, Bangalore- 560085.

Account No.: SOD (Secured Overdraft) - 199431100000168 Limit Amount: Rs.15,00,000/-
Account No.: UGECL (Union Guarantee Emergency Credit line) - 199430100017122
Limit Amount : Rs.2,00,000/-

Total Amount Outstanding : as on 13.07.2020 Rs.17,75,146.61/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and Sixty One Paise Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 28.05.2021 **Demand Date : 13.07.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : 1. Residential Plot situated at Site no.39, Prop No. 152200403127020055, No. 1459/2, (Old No. 898) at Ilawala Gram Panchayath Myosre under MUDA approval admeasuring 1200 Sq.ft. North to South 12.192 Mtrs and East to West : 9.144 Mts and bounded by : East : Site no. 40, West : Site No. 38, North : Site No. 34, South : Road.

2. Residential Plot situated at Site no.40 & 41, Prop No.15220040312702598, No. 1495/2 (Old No. 898) at Ilawala Gram Panchayath Myosre under MUDA approval with belonging to Mrs. Sunitha M W/o Rajesh N, admeasuring 2400 Sq.ft. North to South 12.192 Mtrs and East to West : 18.288 Mts and bounded by : East : Site no. 42, West : Site No. 39, North : Site No.32 & 33, South : Road.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: M/s H P Traders Prop. Dharmpal R S/o Rangaswamy, 130/1, 1st Main Cross, 15th Cross, Near Nice Road, Pramod Layout, Pantharapalya, Bengaluru-560026. and also at : No. 85, Near Maramma Temple, Avalahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026. **Co-Obligant / Mortgagor/ Guarantor : L Gopal** S/o L Doddarange Gowda, No.7, 3rd Cross, Behind Venkateshwara Teatre, Avalahalli, Bengaluru - 560026.

Account No.: SOD - 199431100000122 **Limit Amount : Rs.20,00,000/-**

Amount Outstanding : as on 26.07.2021, a sum of Rs.8,71,866.99 [Rupees Eight Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six and Ninety Nine Paise only] together with interest.

NPA Date : 20.07.2021 **Demand Date : 13.08.2021**

Description of the Secured Assets : Residential building, Site No. 232, 1st Main, W. No. 4-1-232, Anjaneya Temple Road, (Near Maramma Temple), Avalahalli, Bengaluru belonging to R Dharmapal admeasuring 1011.75 Sq.ft. bounded by : East : Road, West : House of Krishnappa, North : Passage, South : House of M. Lashminarayan.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 24.08.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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Form NO. 3[See Regulation (1)(a)]

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I, KARNATAKA
NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD BANGALORE-560 025
OA NO. 1602 OF 2019

In the matter of: Union Bank Of India, Hennur Road Branch
Versus
Shambeshwara Travels, No. 31, 2nd Cross, Gangadhar Chari Layout Ayyappa nagar, Bangalore - 540036. A proprietorship concern represented by its proprietor, Vijay Kumar M, PAN NO, AJAPV5093K. Also at: No.09, Shankar Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Kuvempu Layout Devasandra, K R Puram, Bangalore - 560036

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant bank has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of **RS 26,94,617.25 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand And Six Hundred and Seventeen and Twenty Five Paise)** along with future interest and costs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement/objections before this Tribunal at **10.30 AM** or such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **13.10.2021** to answer the claim.

2. Copies of the Application is enclosed, list of the enclosures are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexures on appearance before the Tribunal.

3.If intended to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with written statement.

4. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter the tribunal in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.

5. Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

6. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this15th Day of July 2021.

Signature of the Officer
Sd/-
(Authorised to issue summons)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Vivekananda Nagar Branch
58, Sanjeevappa Layout,
Jai Bharath Nagar, Banasawadi Main Road,
Bengaluru-560033, Ph.No. 080-25497222, 25460091
E-mail: cb1702@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, Vivekananda Nagar Branch** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) M/s. Sujith Constructions, Proprietor: Mr. Sujith.V.J, And **Guarantor : Mr. Jayaprakash.V.S** both are residing at No.303, BDA Layout, Dubasi Palya Layout, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560059

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount	Liability With Interest As On Date	Rate Of Interest
170225 6005239	OD SECURED	05.10.2020	Rs. 40.00 Lakhs	Rs. 40,30,262.62	9.15%

Total Liability Amount: Rs.40,30,262.62 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two and Sixty Two Paise Only) with further cost and charges and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 30.06.2021 **Demand Notice Dated : 26.07.2021**

Details of security assets: Name of Title holder: Mr. Jayaprakash S/o Late Rajashekaraiah.

Memorandum of Deposit of Title deed No. 3676/2020-21 Dated: 03.10.2021, site No. 12, BBMP Khatha No. 26/30/12, Valagerahalli Village, (Dubasipalya), Ward No. 159, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560056, Extent-1665 Sq.ft North : Site No. 11, South : Site No. 13, East : Private Property, West : Road. Valuation of Property dated 30.09.2020- Rs. 1,16,55,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only)

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 24.08.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014
Branch Office: No. 295, 2nd Floor, Silver Square, White Field Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 066. Phone: 080 - 2845 0035

POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD** Erstwhile SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS HOME FINANCE LTD., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 02-03-2021** calling upon the **Borrower Mr. Siddalingaswamy B J, Co-Borrower ,Mrs. Anusha S** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 34,98,346/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only)** being the amount due and payable under the Loan Account number WTF20190088 + interest @ 36% p.a from 01-02-2020 + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice on 02-03-2021.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **20-08-2021.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property

and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,** for an amount **Rs. 39,94,994/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four Only) as of 20-08-2021** and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.67, formed in Sy. No.82/2, (vide converted for non-agricultural i.e., for residential purpose vide official memorandum No.B.DIS. ALN. SR(S)563/1996-97, dated 19/05/1997 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District) Katha No.3344/67, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Balaji Garden, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the BBMP limits, measuring East to West (71+75)/2 Feet and North to South 47.5 Feet in all measuring 3467.50 Square Feet, together with multistoried residential apartment building thereon called as "BALAJI RESIDENCY" and **bounded on:** East by: Road. West by: Private Property. North by: Property No.66. South by: Property No.68.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: (Undivided Interest Agreed To Be Sold/Conveyed) Undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule A Property which comes to 440.25 Square Feet in theland .

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: All that residential apartment bearing eastern side in the third floor of the building known as "BALAJI RESIDENCY" constructed in Schedule A Property and measuring 1309 Square Feet (inclusive Common Service Area and Balcony Area) of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, lifts and other areas of common use and consisting of one hall, one kitchen, three bedrooms, two toilets cum bathroom with one covered car parking facility.

Date: 20.08.2021 **for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt. R. HEMALATHA,** W/o Sri. Radhakrishnan S. is indented to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **1). Mr. ZUBAIR AHAMMED ABDULLAH,** S/o. Mr. Ahmed Abdulla, R/at Sofa Marwa Post, Pannianoore, Kannur District, Kerala State. and **2). Mr. MAJID ABDULLA,** S/o. Mr. Abdulla Moosa, R/at Nellias House, Post Pannianoore, Kannur District, Kerala State.

Any person(s) having claim over the schedule property may lodge objections or claim in writing with all supporting documentary evidence (authenticated) with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 days from hereof. Failing which my Client will proceed to purchase the schedule property. Any objections / claims received thereafter will not be entertained / binding on My client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property No.111 and No. 112, having bifurcated Present BBMP Khata No.112, 112/1, 112/3, 112/4 and 112/5, carved out of Sy.No.15/6 and 15/7 of Thavarekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Property comes under the revenue Jurisdictions of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Situated at 12th Main Road, BTM Layout, Gurappana Palya, Ward No.64 (Madiwala) Bangalore, New Ward No.172-Madiwala, Bangalore District. Measuring East to West: 65 ft and North to South: 40 ft in total 2600 Sq.ft together with Residential building Standing thereon, and bounded on: East by : Site No.113, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 110.

SURESH REDDY. K., Advocate
No. 84/1 (Second Floor) DVG Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Mobile No. 9481826640
Dt.: 23.08.2021 Place: Bangalore

Form NO. 3[See Regulation (1)(a)]

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I, KARNATAKA
NO.4, JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD BANGALORE-560 025
OA NO. 1587 OF 2019

In the matter of: Union Bank Of India, Hennur Road Branch
Versus
M/s Balaji Impex No. 144/1, Sri Balaji Arcade, Muneshwara Layout, Haralukunte Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068 Proprietor C V Srinivasa Prasad, S/o Cherukuri Venkata Siva Bhaskar. Also At M/s Balaji Impex, No.95/1, 1st Floor Near St. Mary's Convent School Bayalu Basavanna Circle Bangalore - 560068. Also At: 390, 6th Main , 4th Cross, Duo Heights, Begur Bangalore - 560069
2. Sri. Karthikeyan C S/o C V Bhaskar Rao, Pranav Pride Apartments 004, Ground Floor, B Block, Doddamkammanahalli Main Road Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560083....defendant

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant bank has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of **Rs.90,34,309.53 (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand and Three Hundred and Nine and Fifty Three Paise)** along with future interest and costs. You are hereby summoned to appear and tile written statement/objections betbre this Tribunal at 10.30 AM or such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **05.10.2021** to answer the claim.

2. Copies of the Application is enclosed, list of the enclosures are also enclosed. You are directed to collect the annexures on appearance before the Tribunal.

3. If intended to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with written statement.

4. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter the tribunal in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.

5. Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

6. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this15th Day of July 2021.

Signature of the Officer
Sd/-
(Authorised to issue summons)

YES BANK

Yes Bank Limited

Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturbaa Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE
(U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

Name of Borrower	Loan A/c. No.	Date of Notice U/s.13(2)	Notice Amount (Rs.)	Date of Repossession
Ashoka D	AFH002200580782	7th May, 21	35,77,383.03/-	19th Aug, 21

Description of Secured Asset: All the piece and parcel of the 2 bed room apartment bearing no. AFS 801, E- Katha No. 150200100200321038, flat on 7th floor, in the building known as "Aryan Fountain Square" being consturcted on Old Sy. No. 38 and new Sy. no. 38/1 situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. measuring super builtup area of 779 sq. ft along with floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such apartment owner equally including common area and open car parking space and undivided share of 278 sq. ft. in the schedule property.

Name of Borrower	Loan A/c. No.	Date of Notice U/s.13(2)	Notice Amount (Rs.)	Date of Repossession
Karunakaran M	AFH002200196051	7th May, 21	20,96,569.25/-	19th Aug, 21

Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Residential apartment bearing No. A-801, Assessment no. 1312/40/3/T-14/A-801, 8th Floor of Tower - 14, Block-4 consists of One Hall, Two Bed Room, Kitchen, Two Bath Room toilet and a Balcony in the residential apartment complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on Sy No. 39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M. Medahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, having super built up area of 656 Sq. ft., with vitrified flooring and proportinate share in the common areas such as passage, Stair, duct, well and/or room/s, water, drainage. electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchaser of the other apartments.

Sd/-
Dated: 25.08.2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place:-Bangalore **For YES BANK Limited**

THE HOTEL INDUSTRIALISTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Regd. Office: "Sahakara Sourabha", No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru - 560 018. Phone: 080-26678329, 26612482, 41277283, E-mail: ho@hicbank.com, Website: www.hicbank.com

Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd, Chamrajpet Bangalore** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
		DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			
1.	**1) Mr. N Anand Murthy** S/o T H Narayana Swamy No.331, Thanisandra, Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077 **2) Mrs. Divya A** D/o N Anand Murthy No.331, Thanisandra, Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077 **3) Mr. Vinay A** S/o N Anand Murthy No.331, Thanisandra, Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077	All that part and parcel of the Non Residential property bearing Survey No.72/1, Thanisandra Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now BBMP katha No. 30/72/1, Thanisandra, Thanisandra Ward, Byatarayanapura Sub Division, Bangalore, and measuring East to West 188 feet and North to South 185 feet and in all measuring 34780 sq. ft.(24.5 Guntas, out of which15 guntas converted land (16335 sq. ft.) Bounded By: East: House property belongs to Sri Ananda Murthy, West: Property of Sonnappa, North: Road, South: Property of Venkatashamappa. **Built up Area:** about GF+FF+SF+TF=7620 sq. ft. for each floor with RCC farmed structure.	**Rs.10,56,91,960/- (Rupees Ten Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Only) EMD: Rs.1,05,69,196/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Only)**	**Rs.3,34,73,228/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on 31/07/2021**	**15/09/2021 at 12.30 PM EMD Date 14/09/2021 before 5.00 P M.**
2.	**1) Mr. Venkatesh K N** S/o Late K N N Iyengar Office No.75, 2nd Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Also at: 82/1, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bangalroe-560021 **2) Mrs. Kureti Vijaya Durga** W/o K Srinivasa Rao No.768, Begur Hongasandra, MICO Layout, Garvebhavi Palya, Bangalore-560058.	All that part and parcel of the Industrial Land Property bearing Plot No.181-B, Bommasandra Grama Panchayath Katha N.169/181-B, Bommasandra Industrial Area, formed in Survey No.270, situated at Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore-560099 and in measuring East to West (75.40+77.40)/2 meters and North to South (11.00+20.20) meters, in all measuring 1177.40 square meters. Bounded By:East: Plot No.178, West: Road, North: Plots Nos. 180 and 181 South: Private Land. **Built Area:** About GF=2099 sq. ft. with RCC Roofing.	**Rs.4,71,55,625/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy One Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only) EMD: Rs.47,15,563/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Only)**	**Rs.5,38,15,282/- (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Only) as on 28/02/2021**	**15/09/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 14/09/2021 before 5.00 P M.**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018. (Ph. 080-41277283)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore**- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore**.Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders. **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018, for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-41277283) E-Mail:ho@hicbank.com

Date: 24.08.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.**

O Chandrasekharan, 86, the last Malayali Olympian in football, died at a private hospital in Kochi on Tuesday

PROOF OF EFFICACY

Why 84-day gap between vax shots, asks Kerala HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Tuesday directed the Centre to explain whether the 84-day interval stipulated between two doses of Covishield vaccine was based on its availability or efficacy. The court also asked for scientific proof if efficacy was the reason.

Justice P B Suresh Kumar sought the clarification while hearing the petition filed by Kitex Garments Ltd seeking permission to administer the second dose of Covishield to its workers. Kitex submitted that it had given the first dose of the vaccine to over 5,000 workers. Though it had arranged the second dose, it was unable to administer it due to the restrictions.

The court said if the time interval was prescribed based on availability, those willing to buy the vaccine could be allowed to take the second dose before 84 days. In fact, hundreds of persons ready to pay for the vaccines were waiting for the completion of the prescribed interval, it said.

The State government said the interval was based on the Centre's vaccine policy and unless the Union Government altered the same, the State could not allow shortening the interval. Under the National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy, the second dose of Covishield vaccine is to be administered at 12-16 weeks interval, that is, 84 days after the first dose.

The petitioner contended that the Centre had prescribed the policy as it was supplying the vaccines. If the vaccines could be bought individually, the government should not insist on adhering to the 84-day gap between the two doses, Kitex said.

MILD TREMORS IN CHENNAI, VISAKHAPATNAM

Earthquake hits Bay of Bengal, cyclone warning centre officials say 5.1 magnitude won't have any impact

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA & G JANARDHANA RAO
@Chennai / Visakhapatnam

MILD tremors were felt in parts of Chennai and Visakhapatnam as an earthquake measuring 5.1 magnitude on the Richter scale hit the Bay of Bengal region on Tuesday afternoon.

The quake, reported at 12.35 pm, was at a depth of 10 km in the Bay of Bengal and was about 296 km south-south east of Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh and 320 km east north east of Chennai, confirmed officials in National Centre for Seismology. Meanwhile, the Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre ruled out any tsunami threat.

The National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) said it was a rare occurrence in the east coast, particularly Andhra Pradesh that an earthquake occurred in deep sea. There was, however, no need to panic as the quake was only deep sea activity and not land related activity.

According to officials of the Cyclone Warning Centre, Visakhapatnam, there will be no impact of the quake as it measured 5.1 on the Richter scale. Officials said they received phone calls from people in the Seethammadhara area saying that they felt mild tremors for a few seconds.

Apart from Seetammadhara, the tremors were felt in Gurudwara and MVP colony. "I was sleeping on the sofa and watching television when I felt mild tremors. It was just for a few seconds. I realised that it was an earthquake only after seeing the news on television," said N Sri Ram, a youngster from MVP Colony.

"There are two ridges which are located 85 degrees east and 90 degrees east. This earthquake has occurred close to one of these ridges. These are actually Aseismic ridges, which means they are not supposed to produce earthquakes. But since these are topographically high they are slightly active and can once in a while trigger earthquakes."

A similar unusual earthquake of 5.5 magnitude had occurred along the Puducherry coast in 2001 and one off the Odisha coast in 2014 with 5 magnitude

SUDDEN SHOWERS

A motorist struggles to ride through a waterlogged road near Janpath in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday | BISWAMATH SWAIN

BJP leader resigns after viral video of 'sexual misconduct'

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

BJP State general secretary KT Raghavan on Tuesday resigned from the party post following the release of a video that levelled sexual harassment charges against him. The video was released by Youtuber Madan Ravichandran, who joined the BJP in October last.

In the video, Ravichandran claims that he is releasing the clip with the consent of BJP State president K Annamalai and that he has video and audio evidences of sexual harassment against 15 office bearers of the BJP.

A few hours after the video went viral in social media, Raghavan tweeted: "I deny the allegations. This video has been released to malign me and my party. I met my party president and I resigned from the party post. I will face the allegations legally. Dharma will win."

Exactly two months ago, a Tamil daily had carried a report titled "Kamalalayam may soon have a Vishaka Committee". The report alleged that during a meeting of the State unit held on June 19 at Mahabalipuram, BJP national general secretary CT Ravi, who is also in-charge of the party affairs in Tamil Nadu, told the office bearers that the party leadership had received hundreds of sexual harassment complaints against one particular leader.

ESPIONAGE CASE

EX-POLICE CHIEF, SP GET BAIL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

FORMER state Director General of Police(DGP) Siby Mathews and SP K K Joshua on Tuesday were granted conditional anticipatory bail by the district principal sessions court in a conspiracy case registered by the CBI in connection with the 1994 ISRO espionage case. Seventeen police officers have been booked by the Central probe agency in this connection.

Mathews and Jishua, who are the fourth and fifth accused, respectively faces charges, including criminal conspiracy and kidnapping and fabrication of evidence, under the IPC in connection with arrest and detention of former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan in the spy case. Earlier, the CBI had approached the court seeking custody of Siby Mathews and Joshua to interrogate them as part of the investigation.

The court asked the CBI whether the FIR contained any charges for rejecting the anticipatory bail moved by the former officers. The CBI informed the court that they have the probe reports to prove the involvement of Siby Mathews and Joshua in the conspiracy against Nambi Narayanan.

However, Siby Mathews and Joshua in their bail plea submitted before the court that Nambi Narayanan was arrested on the instructions of the Intelligence Bureau and that the CBI team which initially investigated the case sabotaged the probe.

Over 60 per cent students back in Karnataka schools on Day 2

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

ATTENDANCE for Classes 9 and 10 saw a substantial improvement on Day 2 of the reopening of schools. After consolidating data from the districts, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education CB Nagesh said that attendance was 51 per cent on Monday, and increased to more than 60 per cent on Tuesday.

He explained that attendance is usually low on the first day of school after summer vacation. Overall, student attendance has increased to 41 per cent, while in some districts, more than 76 per cent attendance was recorded.

After interacting with students in a school in Bengaluru, he said he was worried that children would be deprived of physical activities due to Covid. "I felt that children were becoming mentally depressed at home. Now this wait can end," said the minister, announcing a new era with the beginning of classes.

Shashi Kumar, General Secretary, Association of Management of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka (KAMS) told TNIE that attendance in private unaided schools had improved in both cities and rural areas. If classes continue, they will gain stability.

He said the situation will become clearer on Wednesday as a number of schools will start classes offline. Two major aspects add up to the absence of students -- one was the wait-and-watch policy adopted by parents; and festivals on Saturday and Friday, he said.

Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai speaks to students after schools reopen | EXPRESS

"We are also finding out that in most of the schools, parents who have paid partially or fully are on board. The others, who supported the school system by paying fees, are avoiding the offline system -- this would be 30-40 percent of parents in class 9 and 10," Kumar added.

No dearth of PU I seats: Min

The minister said the state's colleges have over 12 lakh seats for first PU courses, thereby allaying fears about admissions of the 8.75 lakh students who passed this year. Many students also attend ITI, Diploma and other courses, he added.

He said the department was monitoring new admissions to PU colleges, and in case there is more demand for admissions, additional seats will be allocated.

89% students appear for PU II exam

Bengaluru: At least 89.57 per cent of the 16,687 students who registered, appeared for the PU II English language examination on Tuesday. The examination was held for private candidates and those unhappy with their marks calculated by the department using their previous assessment scores.

No clear system to monitor e-classes

While education department statistics on Monday showed poor attendance in online classes too, a top official from the department told TNIE that the department lacked a clear system to monitor attendance of online classes. Several schools are yet to update their attendance online, he said.

Kannada private schools threaten to protest if not given aided status

ENS @Bengaluru

KANNADA medium private schools have threatened to protest in various phases after September 15, if the government fails to grant those established after 1995, the status of aided schools.

Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association (RUPSA) had also placed the same demand before the Yediyurappa-led government earlier but their demands were not met.

The association said thousands of teachers have been teaching without receiving salaries and are awaiting the government's intervention each day. Association members said that they had placed the demand before the former education minister Suresh Kumar on March 23, and despite the minister's assurance to comply by March 31, they said the state's attention was shifted again towards the health emergency.

They demanded the implementation of the old pension and asked for the government's Jyotisanjeevani scheme to be rolled out.

Stalin announces memorial for Karunanidhi

Chennai: A memorial for former chief minister M Karunanidhi will be constructed at the Marina at a cost of ₹39 crore, announced Chief Minister MK Stalin in the Assembly on Tuesday. During the first Rule 110 announcement of this government in the Assembly, Stalin said, "Karunanidhi spent 80 years of his life for the public, 70 years in the cine field and journalism, 60 years as a member of the Assembly, and 50 years as the DMK president. The leader was elected to the Assembly 13 times and served as chief minister five times." The Chief Minister also went on to list out the schemes and projects launched by Karunanidhi. "To assist the future generations become aware of the tall leader's achievements and services, a memorial with photographs will be established in a sprawl of 2.21 acres at the Anna Memorial premises in Marina," he added. It may be recalled that following the former chief minister's demise on August 7, 2018, the DMK had to battle it out to secure a spot near the late leader CN Annadurai's memorial to lay to rest Karunanidhi's remains.

We have solid evidence: Cops

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"THE actresses are also facing charges of drug peddling, for which we have submitted digital and material evidence separately," an officer involved in the investigation said.

The police said the hair follicle test was conducted as urine tests were inconclusive. The actresses had reportedly created a ruckus while giving their urine samples for tests when they were in police custody and had reportedly given water instead of urine.

CCB police then collected their hair samples and sent them for the test. But the CFSL rejected the samples, as certain procedures were not followed. The police had again collected the samples and sent them. The police now have the results after 10 months.

Sanjjanaa Galrani

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said, "For the first time in a drug case investigation, hair samples were sent for the follicle test as it can determine drug use up to one year preceding the test. Generally, only blood or urine samples are sent, but in those tests, drugs can be detected only if consumed 24 hours before the tests are conducted." Meanwhile, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in Shivamogga said the test results have made the drug use case against the actresses stronger and efforts of the police have yielded result.

The police are conducting a number of raids across the State to check the consumption of drugs and have seized tonnes of narcotic substances. But drug suppliers have become cautious and are using novel methods. The police have to be alert to nab such drug peddlers, he added.

"Higher police officials have been instructed to make sure that drug peddlers are punished. I have suggested to them to form a separate team to follow up on drug cases and present suitable arguments before courts that could result in conviction and punishment to drug peddlers. It will send out a strong message," he added. He said that upgradation of forensic science labs in Karnataka is the need of the hour and the process is underway.

The CCB police had submitted a detailed chargesheet against 25 persons including the two actresses, Aditya Alva, son of former minister late Jeevaraj Alva, and Viren Khanna before the court. The police are likely to file an additional chargesheet in the case.

WHAT IS A HAIR FOLLICLE TEST?

The hair follicle test, which is also called the hair drug test, is conducted by collecting hair samples from the head. The test detects whether a person has consumed narcotic substances. Certain tests can also give details of the frequency of drug abuse and the type of drugs used — MDMA, phencyclidine, cocaine, opiates, cannabis, mephedrone amphetamine depravities, methadone opiate depravities, etc. It is believed to be the most accurate test to find evidence of drug abuse.

EXPRESS READ

Over 7 lakh AgriGold victims get ₹666.84 cr

Vijayawada: The State government on Tuesday credited ₹666.84 crore into bank accounts of over 7 lakh AgriGold victims, who deposited up to ₹20,000 in the scam-hit company. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said he met the AgriGold victims during his Praja Sankalpa Yatra as an Opposition leader, who urged him to help get back their hard-earned money. The victims include daily labourers to middle-class families. Keeping up the promise made to the AgriGold victims, Jagan said his government had credited ₹905.57 crore into the bank accounts of 10.4 lakh affected families in two phases. As identified by the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), the government released ₹238.73 crore to 3.4 lakh AgriGold victims who deposited less than ₹10,000 in the scam-hit company, in November, 2019.

CAG audit must for Kannur airport, insists Centre

B SREEJAN @T'Puram

THE Union government has reiterated that CAG needs to audit the accounts of Kannur International Airport Limited (KIAL) on an annual basis. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said 64% of KIAL shares have been held by the state government and public sector enterprises. Hence, it is proper for CAG to audit the transactions of KIAL.

In May, this year, the Kerala High Court stayed a proposed CAG audit in KIAL after the company challenged the plan. The case is still pending with the court. KIAL argued that it was not a government company and hence wouldn't be bound by the CAG audit. When the CAG, through the office of the principal accountant general, sought to appoint an auditor for the 2018-19 financial year, KIAL replied to PAG that as per the new 2013 Act, CAG could not appoint a statutory auditor.

Kannur International Airport

In a written reply furnished on August 3 to a question by CPM's Rajya Sabha member K Somaprasad, Chaudhary said the share composition of KIAL was such that 32.86% was held by the state government and 31.93% by the public sector enterprises under the state and Central governments.

"In KIAL, Compliance Audit for 2009-11, 2011-15 and 2015-16 was conducted under Section 143(7) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Section 19 of CAG's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971. Financial Audit for 2009-10 to 2015-16 was conducted under Section 143(6) of the Companies Act, 2013. Compliance and Financial Audits of KIAL from 2016 have not been allowed.

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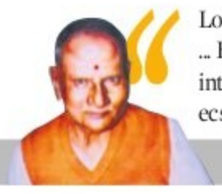

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Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

BIG-BANG PLAN TO MONETISE GOVT ASSETS, BUT WILL IT WORK?

The Union government has announced another big-bang plan to raise and spend money on key infrastructure projects. Over the next four years, a pipeline of *sarkari* assets will be monetised to generate as much as ₹6 lakh crore. Over 60% of the funds will come from assets belonging to the roads, railways and power sector, but the National Monetisation Plan (NMP) covers as many as 20 different asset classes and 12 ministries. On the face of it, this is a good option for a cash-strapped government to fund the infrastructure sector. The Centre says it is not just about funds, but is also to rope in partners to make existing government assets work efficiently and to enhance value.

This is not a new idea. For decades, there has been experimentation with monetising government assets, with mixed results. The railways in Mumbai have allowed for technology parks above stations in Navi Mumbai; development rights for municipal bus yards have been sold to builders. The government, however, is keen to emphasise it is not selling off the family jewels. The two important restrictions underlined are: one, the ownership of the assets will remain with the government. Two, only the existing brownfield projects are part of the monetisation plan and will be handed back, after the contracted lease period is over.

To make government assets work at their most efficient levels is a good perspective, but a lot depends on how well the monetisation plan has been drawn up. If it's a general vision without detailed targets, it will be another road to failure paved with good intentions. It is indeed laudable that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has ruled out monetising land as an asset. Hopefully this will keep the sharks out. However, there are numerous imponderables: the actual worth of government assets will only be known after due diligence and market valuation. Second, legal disputes and bottlenecks created by competing government departments paralyse plans. Four years is a long time and the record of the government in similar schemes is not exactly shining. The jury therefore is still out on whether it will work.

HOW 1+1 IS NOT 2 IN FUEL TAX MATHS

That a cut in the fuel tax will adversely impact the government's revenues may look like a no-brainer. There was nothing wrong in assuming that Tamil Nadu's recent move to slash tax on petrol by ₹3 per litre pushed the state into a deeper debt trap. The state's Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan had in fact pegged the immediate loss at ₹1,160 crore.

But in reality, the reduction in fuel tax has brought in several benefits, outweighing the impact of the fall. Petrol sales saw a 12% spurt in volumes after the government slashed the tax. Rajan's back-of-the-envelope calculation has tallied a daily additional income of ₹3.55 crore for the Union government, on account of the jump in sales. It is a cool ₹1,200 crore in additional revenues a year. In addition, the people who benefited from the move saved some money, spent on consumable goods and contributed to the overall consumption story.

While the Union finance minister ruled out any imminent cut in fuel taxes levied by the Centre, the RBI has reiterated its stance that persistent rise in fuel prices in the country is at odds with its inflation targeting. It has repeatedly demanded a reduction in fuel taxes to rein in retail inflation. As per the recently-released minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee meeting held two weeks ago, one of the members has made a scathing remark on the government's myopic policy: "If, however, expected inflation raises G-secs rates by 1%, and the public debt GDP ratio is about 100%, government interest payments will rise by 1% of GDP. Compared to that, a cut in fuel taxes would sacrifice about 0.5% of GDP in revenues and have many other benefits such as anchoring inflation expectations, reviving demand as well as enabling a fair sharing of the burden of oil price shocks," said the member.

The FY22 retail inflation is projected at a high of 5.7%, primarily riding on the fuel tax. The year-on-year inflation in CPI for fuel is up from 4.4% in March 2021 to 12.7% in June 2021. The sharp rise in the prices of fuels used for transportation feeds into the core inflation. This shows that keeping the fuel tax high is counterproductive.

Should 'Dismantling Global Hindutva', an overly political event, be given legitimacy on Western campuses? Especially when it is disguised as an academic conference?

HATRED OF HINDUTVA MAY LEAD TO HINDUMISIA

MAKARAND R PARANJAPE

Professor of English at JNU. Views are personal

AMIT BANDRE

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

When the whole world is alarmed at the swift takeover of Afghanistan by the regressive, Islamist, self-proclaimed jihadi Taliban, a three-day conference on "Dismantling Global Hindutva" has been announced from 10-12 September 2021. As circulated on social media, the poster of the conference attempts a false equivalence upon unsuspecting readers in the opening lines, "Militant Hindu groups exist and are growing exponentially" and "Rampant violence against minorities". But what is of much greater cause of concern is the claim that this politically prejudiced crusade disguised as an academic event is supposedly cosponsored by some 60 Departments and Centres from over 45 top universities in North America including Berkeley, Emory, Toronto, Goettingen, and my own alma mater, the University of Illinois.

As a life-long academic myself, with a track-record of over 40 years of university teaching all over the world, I register my concern and dissent. First of all, I would like to ask, who are the organisers of the event? Why haven't they been named? Yes, some of the featured speakers, who include the usual suspects from Audrey Truschke to Kavita Krishnan, have been listed. But what about the organisers? Why are their identities, affiliations and positions hidden?

Furthermore, which Departments or Centres have sponsored this event? How and why? Are there faculty resolutions or departmental minutes of meetings to support and document such sponsorship? What is the nature of the support offered? Is money involved or just an endorsement by lending the name of the centre, department or university? Many of these are publicly funded institutions or schools. So taxpayers have a right to know.

US and Canadian universities are respected for allowing freedom of expression and debate. True. But, by the same token, should such an overly political event be given legitimacy on Western campuses? Especially, when it is disguised as an academic conference? More seriously, from the looks of it, the meeting is actually propaganda against the RSS and BJP. Why should university forums be allowed to be hijacked for such purposes?

More deeply saddening and dangerous than these obvious objections are the lurking if not obvious Hinduphobic and Hindumisic attitudes and ideologies behind the event. While targeting the un-or ill-defined termed Hindutva, the real peril is Hindu-hatred masquerading as intellectual activism. Hindu-hatred, let us not forget, may lead to Hinducide. The poster shows a hammer uprooting a nail that resembles an RSS worker. Isn't this an open and undisguised call to hatred and violence?

In the past, during several centuries of Islamic conquest and rule in the subcontinent, the enslavement and genocide of Hindus was widely recorded and vaunted by Islamic historians themselves. Even if these accounts are somewhat exaggerated in their triumphalism, they prove the existence, endorsement and naturalisation of what we might term Kaffir-conversion and Kaffir-killing on a vast scale. The Kaffirs in this instance were Hindus.

Isn't it amazing that instead of training their ideological guns against such activities in our present times such as the abduction, forcible conversion, and marriage of Hindu girls in Pakistan to older, sometimes already married men; the ethnic cleansing and widespread destruction of Hindu shrines in Islamist Kashmir right within India; the continuing violence and prejudice against Hindus in Bangladesh; or even more flagrant, the Taliban's avowedly fanatical, violent, women-and-Kaffir-hating track-record in Afghanistan, this motley group of India-bashers has resorted to such an underhand way of "dismantling" what they term "Global Hindutva"?

Would many of them, being self-professed liberals, leftists and atheists, dare to organise a similar event on, say, "Dismantling Global Jihadism" or "Induced or Coerced Conversions by Christian Missions and Organisations"? More importantly, would any of the 60+ departments and centres in the 45+ universities cosponsor such an event? Instead, the aim is to dismantle what is not yet properly established or documented as militant.

Why, we should ask, is such a conference being organised ostensibly in North America rather than India? The question is salient since the event is online and virtual rather than live and in real time. The answer will reveal the networks of Hindumisia and Hinduphobia across global academia.

> A strong Hindu does not hate others. But he or she is capable of standing up for what is right. Those of us who have not hesitated to criticise Hindutva when we found it becoming too Abrahamic should also not hesitate to defend it from its detractors who are so grossly offensive

Having lost the battle against Hindutva in India, these forces are trying to hold on to their Western fortresses and bastions. Many Indian academics, riding on such ideologies, are now deeply ensconced in Western universities. They have ruled the roost, called the shots, distributed jobs, fellowships and largesse to followers and associates.

Anyone who has been a target of their tactics knows that they are a bunch of tyrants and bullies rather than truly liberal scholars who believe in dissent, debate and dialogue. They and their gatekeepers ensure that their opponents are kept out of the portals of the institutions they control through elaborate blacklists and purges.

Their networks are so powerful that they have infiltrated prestigious prizes and awards both in India and abroad. Just to offer one example, it is hardly surprising that two of the listed speakers are Infosys Prize winners. Some years ago I pointed out the preponderance of "LeLis" in the Humanities and Social Science winners of this prize. Should one of India's top companies lend its name to such politically motivated activism or should the prizes recognise true academic achievements? Perhaps, when it comes to some disciplines, we have erased the distinction between the two.

What is to be done? My answer is simple: Let those targeted, which includes the BJP, RSS and its affiliates, hit back. They have the means and the reach to do so. Until now, it is a US-based activist group such as Hindu America Foundation (HAF)—led by its executive director, the calmly determined Suhag Shukla—which has led the charge. HAF efforts have caused several universities to disassociate with the event. Evidently, their names and logos were used without proper authorisation. Doesn't this amount to fraud and cheating?

Current and former students, teachers and donors of these universities should write to their respective presidents to cancel the conference or dissociate themselves from it. The organisers should be exposed. Many Indian private-initiative periodicals have already exposed the dubious motives and bona-fides of the event. Even a few mainstream media networks in the country have done their bit.

But none of this is actually enough. What is needed is for Hindus to own up Hindutva as our Supreme Court already did. All variations of being genuinely Hindu should be acknowledged by Hindus. Only then will Hindu-haters think twice before attacking us. Till we are weak and full of self-loathing, this will never happen.

A strong Hindu does not hate or fear others. But he or she is capable of standing up for what is right and resisting what is wrong. Those of us who have not hesitated to criticise Hindutva when we found it becoming too Abrahamic should also not hesitate to defend it from its detractors who are so grossly mistaken or offensive.

If we do not do so, we will be complicit in our sliding down the slippery slope in which Hinduphobia progressing to Hindumisia might, even in this day and age, lead to Hinducide.

BREAKING GENDER STEREOTYPES IN TEXTBOOKS

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Sitting in the same classroom, reading the same textbook, listening to the same teacher, boys and girls receive very different educations," said American author David Sadker. Truer words could not have been spoken. Education is the centerpiece for the socio-cultural, political and economic empowerment of individuals and in that context, schools become foundational for most things, including gender socialisation.

Despite shifting attitudes, there is still a long road ahead in sensitiseing people that gender is a social construct that influences mindsets, behaviour, and roles and responsibilities attributed to boys and girls in all societies. Education has the most substantial potential of shaping social change towards gender equality. Therefore, it becomes imperative to evaluate the role and performance of our education system in promoting equitable gender relations.

One of India's most significant barriers to equitable education for girls and boys has been the hidden gender biases in curricula and the socialisation or normalisation of stereotypical gender roles in classrooms. A gender audit of 18 primary NCERT textbooks (Classes 1 to 5) in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh anchored by the Department of Women Studies, NCERT, in 2014 found glaring instances of gender stereotypes and improper reflection of power structures in textbooks of many subjects. If such an audit is expanded across the other states of India, it is likely to show similar findings around gender bias and stereotyping in the curriculum. This was further substantiated by a report released by a High-Level Committee on the Status of Women in 2015, which found a lack of "engendering" in the school's curriculum and non-sensitisation of teachers towards gender issues as a critical concern. It also highlighted that schools play a significant role in perpetuating gender role stereotypes and gender-based violence.

In our personal experiences, we all have observed how textbooks and study materials stereotype gender roles and often omit contributions of women to the varied fields of nation-building or tokenise them. How often have we seen images of a man associated with depicting household work or a policewoman on duty or a male nurse in a hospital in our textbooks? It is probably safe to say never. Indirectly or directly, this is how our education system has become a major contributor to internalising the gender bias and stereotypes that exist within our society.

A recent standing committee report on HRD headed by Satyanarayan Jatiya, then an MP, went through school textbooks prescribed by NCERT. It found these books lacking moral values and emphasised the need for the Ministry of Education to ramp up efforts to inculcate the importance of respect and dignity towards women. Efforts such as prioritisation of gender-sensitive education in the National Curriculum Framework 2005 and the release of guidelines by NCERT in 2019 for pre-school education with a strict focus on gender equality are a step forward. However, there is a long road ahead to truly transform our education curricula across age groups to committedly focus on education being truly inclusive.

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This effectively means that we need to rethink the content and context of the curriculum to eliminate discrimination and prejudice of any form towards gender and sex. Also, it is vital not to forget that the curriculum is only as good as the teachers who deliver it. Therefore, involving them in efforts to shift the gender bias in schools will remain crucial. In line with the recommendations of several government panels and Parliamentary committees on education in India, there is firstly a need to revamp our curriculum to make it inclusive and representative, bringing together authentic experiences, roles and motivations of all genders. This should be done following a comprehensive consultation with all relevant stakeholders. Secondly, there is a need to invest in training and sensitisation of teachers on gender equality and empowerment through appropriate materials as teachers become key change agents in this context. Thirdly, initiatives such as the Gender Equality Movement in Schools (GEMS) with a clear monitoring framework and accountability mechanism is needed. This coupled with programmes that promote networking groups for men and boys to dispel and redefine the traditional, violent notions of masculinity will create a more equitable ecosystem in schools and colleges.

In the past few decades, India has made substantial progress in improving access to education, including focusing on the girl child's schooling through the Right to Education Act in 2009. It has made education a fundamental right of all children of the age group 6-14 years and initiatives such as 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' have been hugely supportive. However, it is vital that our education system enables access and ensures that girls develop their potential without any biases and can eventually harness their full and equal participation in building a better nation. True success would mean a tangible shift in our narratives on gender and its resonance on the ground, i.e. when women appear in the country's socio-economic decision-making contexts and political discourse building.

(Views are personal)

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EC must remain impartial

The indefinite postponement of the bypolls in West Bengal is unjustified. If an eight-stage Assembly election spread out over a month could be conducted at the zenith of the second wave, there is no reason to postpone the bypolls when the disease is minimal. If someone suspects the purposeful postponement is to harass CM Mamata Banerjee, who must be elected within six months, one cannot blame them. The EC should be impartial.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

To play or not to play

The Taliban has permitted the Afghanistan men's cricket team to play in the T20 world tournament, but it is still silent on the participation of the women's team. It is for the ICC and other nations to decide whether they want to play against Afghanistan or not. This should depend on whether the team plays under the Afghan flag or the Taliban one. If it is the latter other nations should boycott the team as the regime assumed power through force.

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Covid danger not gone yet

It is heartening that schools and colleges in Telangana will be opening from September 1. This is a matter of great relief not only to the students, but the parents as well. The prolonged closure of educational institutions was affecting both studies and mental health of the students. But as the danger of Covid is still not gone completely, everyone must remain cautious. It would be better for parents to pick up and drop their kids to and from school to nullify the risk of transmission during travel in autos and jam-packed buses.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Open schools in phases

This is with reference to *A roadmap for reopening our schools* (Aug 24). Keeping in view the higher risks of infection in middle and high school children than primary school ones, the education and health authorities in unison with parents must come up with a plan that will confer maximum advantage and pose minimum risk. Schools should be opened in a phased manner.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Vaccinate the teachers

Schools should reopen as early as possible to benefit children, who are already deprived socially, educationally, nutritionally and emotionally (*India must go all out to restore education*, Aug 24). By following Covid safety protocols and vaccinating the maximum number of teachers, offline school can be resumed.

P Prema, Thanjavur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
People are being arrested under the fabrication of "anti-national" activities. Release all political prisoners languishing under UAPA/NSA/Sedition act

Alka Lamba @LambaAlka
To get out of the illusion of Modi government, every citizen has to be alert. In the upcoming assembly elections, Godi media will have to teach a lesson

Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSin
CAG report exposed the corruption of Kumbh, action will be taken against those who do business in the name of religion or report will be put in cold storage

India says Af soil shouldn't be used for terror

Envoy tells UNHRC special session there is reason to be worried about human rights violations under the Taliban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA on Tuesday expressed hope that the situation in Afghanistan would not pose a challenge to its neighbours.

Addressing a special session on Afghanistan at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), India's permanent representative to the UN Indramani Pandey said: "Everyone is concerned about increasing violations of fundamental rights of Afghan citizens. Afghans are worried about whether their right to live with dignity would be respected."

The session was held in Geneva to consider the protection of human rights in Afghanistan. Pandey expressed concerns over the possibility of terrorist organisations like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed using Afghan soil to threaten peace and stability of other countries.

The envoy said the friendship between India and Afghanistan, which is a millennia old, rests on the strong foundation of people-to-people ties. "India has always stood for a peaceful, prosperous and progressive Afghanistan. India stands ready to assist our friends from Afghanistan in fulfilling their aspirations," he said.

"India also hopes there would be an inclusive and broad-based dispensation in Afghanistan which represents all sections of the Afghan society, and the one that would respect the voices of women and the aspirations of children while upholding the rights of minorities. A broad-based representation would help the arrangement gain more acceptability and legitimacy," Pandey said.

Afghan envoy to the UNHRC, Nasir Ahmad Andisha said the system cannot and should not wait and see. "We need action and attention," he said.

UNHRC chief Michelle Bachelet said she has received credible reports of summary executions of civilians by the Taliban and restrictions on the rights of women following their siege of Kabul. Also, reports of attacks on children and women have come out.

Union minister Hardeep Puri (4th from left) & others receive the Guru Granth Sahib brought from Kabul at Delhi airport | PTI

Modi talks to Putin, 77 evacuated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A special Air India flight carrying 77 persons, including 46 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, arrived in the capital from Kabul on Tuesday, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin over the Afghanistan issue.

The Afghan Sikhs, who carried three Guru Granth Sahibs from gurudwaras in Afghanistan, were received at Delhi airport by Union ministers V Muraleedharan and Hardeep Singh Puri. The 77 persons were evacuated from Kabul in a special Indian Air Force flight to Dushanbe, from where they were brought to New Delhi.

According to officials, India is likely to operate more flights to evacuate Indians and Afghans. Afghanistan has been on the tenterhooks since last week when the Taliban seized power. Earlier this week, gunfire broke out between the Taliban and US security personnel, who are in control of the airport. The evacuations also come amid a deadline of August 31 set by the Taliban to free the country of foreign troops.

India, a day after the Taliban seized power, evacuated its diplomatic personnel and said it was in touch with leaders of the Afghan Sikh and Hindu communities to repatriate their community members once commercial operations begin at the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

Meanwhile, Modi and Putin had a 45-minute telephonic conversation to discuss the situation in Afghanistan in the aftermath of the Taliban takeover. "Had a detailed and useful exchange of views with my friend President Putin on recent developments in Afghanistan. We also discussed issues on the bilateral agenda, including India-Russia cooperation against COVID-19. We agreed to continue close consultations on important issues," Modi tweeted.

14-day quarantine for persons arriving from Afghanistan

New Delhi: Through a fresh order, the Union health ministry has made institutional 14-day quarantine mandatory for evacuees from Afghanistan who are coming to India following the Taliban crisis. In an order issued on Monday, the ministry said it has already allowed exemption from mandatory pre-boarding RT-PCR testing, which is a requirement for all international travelers coming to India. However, said the government, the Covid-19 immunisation status of the evacuees is unknown and the extent of Covid-19 transmission including circulation of variants in Afghanistan is unclear. "The persons arriving shall undergo a mandatory minimum 14 days' institutional quarantine at the ITBP Chhawla camp in Delhi," said the ministry order.

STRATEGY TALK

Peace, security among issues discussed in BRICS meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

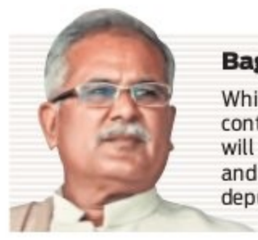
INDIA on Tuesday chaired the meeting of National Security Advisors of BRICS nations virtually where discussions ranged from Afghanistan to counter-terrorism and international peace and security.

The meeting assumes significance as it comes at a time when the security situation in Afghanistan is tense. Also, it was the first time that representatives of India and China came on one platform after the Taliban took over the reins in Afghanistan. Beijing has said it would recognise the Taliban government, a decision taken after a delegation of Taliban leaders met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi last month.

The meeting, chaired by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, saw representatives of all member states participate. India last week had said the discussions in the meeting would be held in accordance with India's priorities as the chair.

Before the meeting, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said China hoped it can play a balanced role in the dynamic situation in Afghanistan to ensure steady transition and help Afghanistan move towards development. Sources said discussions in the meeting revolved around strengthening security cooperation among member countries.

"Considerable attention was paid to the heightened risk of growth of illegal drug production and trafficking in the region. It was agreed that concerned agencies in BRICS countries will enhance their cooperation in this area," a statement from the Union Ministry of External Affairs said.



Baghel likely to continue as CM

While **Bhupesh Baghel** is likely to continue as chief minister, TS Singh Deo will get a bigger say in the government and may even be elevated to the post of deputy chief minister, said sources.

Temporary truce in Chhattisgarh after Rahul meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A temporary truce deal between Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health minister TS Singh Deo was worked out after a meeting with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to end the tiff between the two over leadership issues in the state.

Sources said Baghel will continue to lead the state while Deo is likely to have a bigger say in the government with some of his people likely to be inducted in the cabinet. During the meeting, Baghel has been told not to interfere in work handled by Deo, who has complained that he was not even consulted in work related to his ministry.

With trouble simmering between the two leaders for some time, both Baghel and Punia said that they would abide by the decision taken by the top leadership. Sources said that Deo being elevated as Deputy CM cannot be ruled out and AICC organisation in-charge KC Venugopal and state in-charge PL Punia have been asked to work out a formula between the two leaders.

Deo has been demanding change in leadership in the state on account that when the Congress government came to power in 2018, he was promised the post of CM during the second half of the government. Baghel completed the first half in June and since then, Deo has been pushing the party high command for the top post.

However, the party denied any discussion on leadership change and said that talks were on issues related to the state and projects to be implemented in the state. "There was no discussion on change of leadership in Chhattisgarh," said Punia after the meeting that lasted abround two and-a-half hours.

Last month, Deo walked out of the Assembly after the Opposition created an uproar demanding a probe into Congress MLA Brihaspat Singh's charge that the minister was behind an attack on him.

EXPRESS READ

NIA accuses two in Bengal blast case

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency on Tuesday submitted chargesheet against two accused in a blast case in which an attempt was made on the life of former West Bengal minister Jakir Hossain. Sahidul Islam and Abu Samad were named the accused.

No visa-on-arrival to Indians in UAE for now

New Delhi: The UAE has temporarily suspended visa-on-arrival for Indians who arrive in the country or have been residing in India for 14 days, the country's national carrier Etihad said, without disclosing any reason. Last week, Etihad said Indians with a visa or residence permit could visit Abu Dhabi.

AG urges Supreme Court to reverse 'skin-to-skin' ruling in POCSO case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

URGING the Supreme Court to reverse the controversial judgement of the Bombay High Court, which held that the offence of sexual assault under POCSO will not be attracted if there is no direct 'skin to skin' contact between the accused and the child, Attorney General of India KK Venugopal said this judgment will set a dangerous and outrageous precedent.

Making the submission before a bench comprising Justices UU Lalit and Ajay Rastogi, Venugopal said the judgment would mean a man who sexually abuses a child wearing surgical gloves will be acquitted. "If tomorrow a person wears a pair of surgical gloves and feels the entire body of a woman, he won't be punished for sexual assault as per this judgment. This is outrageous. Saying that skin-to-skin contact is required would mean a person wearing gloves getting an acquittal. The judge clearly didn't see the far reaching consequences," Venugopal argued.

As per the impugned judgment, Bombay High Court (Nagpur Bench) had acquitted an accused observing that groping a minor girl over her clothes will not amount to the offence of 'sexual assault' under Section 8 of POCSO. The Attorney General highlighted that this judgment was contrary to the legislative intent. "There were 43,000 POCSO offences in the last one year," he remarked.

The bench was hearing the appeal filed by the AG against the high court's judgment. The State of Maharashtra's counsel Rahul Chitnis told the bench the state was supporting the AG's arguments. The National Commission for Women has also filed a separate appeal against the judgment. The matters have been slated for final hearing on September 14.

COURT CHRONOLOGY

1. Kerala HC, while setting aside the 2014 amendments by its 2018 judgment, had declared all employees shall be entitled to exercise the option of EPF Scheme without being restricted in doing so by the insistence on a date. It also set aside orders issued by EPFO declining to grant opportunities to employees to exercise a joint option to remit contributions to Employees Pension Scheme on the basis of the actual salaries drawn by them
2. In April 2019, Supreme Court dismissed the special leave petition filed by EPFO against Kerala HC's judgment. However, in January 2021, a three-judge bench recalled the dismissal order in the review petitions filed by EPFO, and posted matters for hearing in open court
3. On February 25, 2021, division bench of top court restrained high courts of Kerala, Delhi and Rajasthan from initiating contempt proceedings against the Central Government and EPFO over non-implementation of HC verdicts. The bench posted the matters for final hearing

3-JUDGE BENCH TO HEAR EPFO PLEAS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday referred to a three-judge bench appeals filed by Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and Union of India, challenging the judgments of various high courts which quashed the Employee's Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 2014.

Earlier, Kerala High Court and Supreme Court had pronounced their verdicts in favour of the pensioners. But full pension was denied as the appeal of the Ministry of Labour and Employment and EPFO's review plea were pending. The top court had upheld Kerala High Court's verdict on monthly pension from the Employees' Pension Scheme on April 1, 2019. After this, the labour ministry filed an appeal against the HC verdict despite a review petition filed by EPFO.

In Tuesday's order, Justices UU Lalit and Ajay Rastogi said, "We have said questions that arise are whether there will be cut-off date or not for the option under (Paragraph 11 (3) of the EPF Pension scheme) and principles of RC Gupta (judgment) would apply or not. So we are referring it to three judges." In the RC Gupta case, decided by a two-judge bench in 2016, the Supreme Court had struck down the six-month opt-in window from 1 September 2014, for employees to continue making uncapped pension contributions.

In Tuesday's referral order, the bench said the interim order passed in the appeals protecting EPFO and the Centre from contempt actions by the high courts over non-implementation of their judgments will continue.

If the top court upholds its decision further, the structure of EPFO may change significantly as the Supreme Court review is about the PF accounts of the EPFO subscribers. PFO has over 2.3 million pensioners, who receive a pension of ₹1,000 every month. Their contribution to PF is, however, less than a quarter of it.

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Vaccination of kids after completion of adults

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

DESPITE an approval from the drug regulator to Covid-19 vaccine by Zydus Cadila for the 12-17 age group, apart from adults, vaccination will be available for adolescents and children universally only after adult vaccination is completed.

Vaccination for adolescents and kids with serious comorbidities, however, are likely to start in October when sufficient doses of ZyCoV D is available. Talking to this newspaper, N K Arora, chairman of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation said while ZyCoV D has been approved for 12-17 year olds, by the end of this month or early September, Covaxin may also be available for children.

Covaxin by Bharat Biotech is being tested on 2-17 year olds as part of an extended Phase 3 clinical trial that had ended for adults in March-April. "Our plan is to offer universal vaccination to kids only when all adults are covered as they have a much higher risk of developing serious disease. But we are set to do prioritisation for children with severe underlying conditions," said Arora.

He added a panel of doctors who defined the clinical criteria for the 45-59 group in the second phase of vaccination will come up with guidelines for kids' vaccination. "These guidelines will be released by September end."

Underlying diseases that may lead to vaccine prioritisation include diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases. Experts have said that risk of severe disease due to Covid is far lower in kids. Their vaccination should be considered only when there are vaccines, effective in preventing transmission, are available.

"None of the available vaccines are capable of preventing transmission. They offer protection from hospitalisation and severe disease. There should be no hurry to vaccinate children," Chandrakant Lahariya, health systems and vaccine specialist, said earlier.

A policewoman conducts classes for slum children in Kolkata | PTI

'Covid near endemic stage'

New Delhi: Covid-19 in India may be entering "some kind of endemicity", Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist with the WHO, has suggested. "We may be entering some kind of stage of endemicity where there is low-level transmission or moderate-level transmission going on but we are not seeing the kinds of peaks that we saw a few months ago," she said. A pandemic is when an infectious disease affects a large number of people at one time while in the endemic stage, a disease is present at an approximately constant level within a geography or country. In an interview to a news portal, Swaminathan said given the size of India, heterogeneity of population and immunity status in different parts of the country, it is "very feasible" that the situation may continue like this with ups and downs. *ENS*

14,373 FALL IN ACTIVE CASES

16,47,526 TESTS IN 24 HOURS

63,85,298 DOSES IN 24 HOURS

Source: Union Health Ministry

Compassionate appointment process streamlined

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

ISSUING fresh instructions on appointments on compassionate ground, the Centre has said a senior officer should be deputed to meet the family members of deceased government servants and apprise them of available terminal benefits.

Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said a committee of three officials may be constituted to consider the applications and recommend individual applicants for grant of compassionate appointment. The committee will be chaired by an officer not below the rank of Director/Deputy Secretary in the ministry and officers of equivalent rank in case of attached and subordinate offices. A senior official said the revised guidelines will ensure transparency and probity in processing the claims.

References were received from different ministries and departments relating to the procedure and modalities. The lack of uniformity in processing claims by different offices also came under the scrutiny of Central Administrative Tribunals, said officials. "In case it is observed by the welfare officer or senior officer that the condition of the family of the deceased government servant is indigent, the family should also be apprised of the scheme for compassionate appointment," said the instructions.

In such cases, the welfare officer or any other officer would assist the family member in applying for appointment on compassionate grounds and all assistance should be extended to enable the family members to fill in the application form.

The applicant should be advised in person about the requirements and formalities to be completed by him or her. The applicant should also be given detailed information of the posts to which they can apply. Every application found in order should be acknowledged by assigning a unique registration number and this should be done in two to three weeks.

HOOCH TRAGEDY

Four people have died in two villages of UP's Agra after consuming suspected spurious liquor on Tuesday. Police said the incident took place on Monday night in Kaulara Kalan and Barkula villages in Agra

60 BODO INSURGENTS SURRENDER

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	26	Mumbai	29	27
Bhopal	27	23	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	28	25	Patna	29	24
Amritsar	27	25	Lucknow	29	26
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	29	27	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	27	19	Chandigarh	27	25

Muslim beggar thrashed, VHP man among 5 held

The accused told him to go to Pakistan before robbing him

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

FIVE men were arrested for allegedly assaulting a Muslim beggar and his family in Ramganj area of Rajasthan's Ajmer district. The action came after a video showing a man being assaulted and told to 'go to Pakistan' went viral on social media.

In the video, the accused are purportedly seen hitting the Muslim man, who is accompanied by two children. While beating him, the accused are also heard shouting at him. "Why have you come from Uttar Pradesh? Do you see any shrine here? They steal gold jewellery," claims an assailant as he accuses the Muslim man and his family of theft. Later, the assailants tell the man: "Go to Pakistan. You will get alms there. You won't get anything here."

The clip also shows the assailants slapping the victim several times and attempting to kick him. A little later in the clip, the accused frisk the man and force him to shell out all the money.

Initially, the five accused were arrested under section 151 of CrPC (arrest to prevent the commission of cognizable offences), which enables easy bail. However, after a public outrage, they were booked under stringent sections of the Indian Penal Code, including section 153A (promoting enmity on grounds of religion), 295A (deliberate, malicious intention of outraging religious beliefs), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 341 (wrongful restraint).

"During the probe, we learnt that Lalit Sharma and four accomplices had assaulted the beggar. While Lalit was arrested on August 20, the other four were nabbed the next day. They were produced before a court, where they said the man they assaulted was a criminal masquerading as a beggar," a police officer said.

Lalit Sharma has been identified as a member of Vishwa Hindu Parishad. The other four accused are Surendra alias Sonu, Rohit Sharma, Tejvir and Shailendra Tak.

Protests in Indore over crimes against Hindus, Opposition hits out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A day after a 25-year-old bangle seller from UP was booked for allegedly sexually harassing a minor girl, Hindu outfits staged a protest in Indore, alleging a spate in crimes against Hindus, particularly girls. The city police said the protestors had congregated without permission and action would be taken against them.

A mob of right wing Hindu outfits staged a protest at city's Regal Crossing despite prohibitory orders. They later submitted a memorandum to DIG-Indore Manish Kapooria, alleging anti-national activities and crime against Hindus were on the rise in Indore. SDPI and PFI links to such crimes were also alleged in the memorandum.

The opposition Congress alleged the ruling BJP's hand in Tuesday's protest. "Why hasn't the local administration acted against the Hindu outfits till now," MP Congress general secretary (media) KK Mishra said.

MP Home Minister Narottam Mishra hinted the government was mulling banning the PFI. "A delegation of Muslim community met me on Monday and demanded a ban on PFI. I've forwarded their memorandum to the home department for legal opinion," Mishra said.

Sunday's assault on Tasleem sparked a political war of words with AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi slamming Narottam Mishra, claiming his tone seemed protective of the assailants. Mishra told Owasi not to interfere in MP. "Rule of law is being maintained in MP and none will be allowed to disturb law and order. Anyone who holds two to three identity proofs and conceals his real identity is a criminal," he said.

Bihar BJP sees opportunity in local poll

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

THE BJP is eying the upcoming panchayat elections in Bihar as a means to penetrating deep into the state by committing support to like-minded candidates. This would mark the first time the national party would be mobilising its cadre to canvass and vote for candidates, who would not be contesting on party lines.

The dates for the three-tier panchayat elections were announced on Tuesday. Political observers said the BJP seems to be banking on the prospects of the winners backed by it creating a deep pool of dedicated party cadre. Announcing the decision on Monday, Bihar BJP chief Dr Sanjay Jaiswal had said the party decided to throw their weight behind like-minded candidates to strengthen the grassroots of democracy to make the state one of the most prosperous in the country. The BJP is the second largest party in Bihar after the RJD, with cadre spread deep into the interiors of the state.

Elections under 11 phases would start from September 24 and end on December 12. The use of party flags, posters and symbols of all political parties stand banned

SEC notification

The State Election Commission on Tuesday released the dates for the panchayat elections under 11 phases starting September 24 and ending December 12. The poll panel has banned the use of party flags and posters of all political parties.

This would also mark the first time when the elections would be conducted through EVMs on the lines of Assembly elections. Representatives for four Panchayat Raj institutions would be elected through this mode.

Ballot papers would be used for the elections of ward councillors, the panch and the Sarpanch of Gram-Kachahari.

State Election Commissioner Dipak Kumar said voting would be held for 8,072 panchayat heads and members of 1,160 district council posts, besides other posts.

The BJP's decision to support candidates comes amid straining relations with JD(U), which has broken ranks on Pegasus snoopgate and caste-based census.

Turncoats defend Rane, seniors distance themselves from comment

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ON a day marred by protests and exchange of barbs, senior BJP leaders sought to distance themselves from Union minister Narayan Rane's controversial statement against Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, but said his arrest was an attack on democracy and Constitutional propriety.

While it was the turncoats who first jumped into Rane's support, senior leaders later joined them. BJP MLA Ram Kadam was one of the first to defend Rane, followed by BJP MLC Prasad Lad. While Kadam was earlier in the MNS, Lad came from NCP. Both vociferously defended the Union minister, claiming Shiv Sena was targeting him.

Later, Maharashtra BJP president Chandrakant Patil said while he did not support Rane's remark, the police could not arrest him. Leader of Opposition of Devendra Fadnavis was the last to address a press conference in support of Rane, but he,too, did not defend his statement.

Shiv Sena workers protesting against Narayan Rane at Juhu on Tuesday | PTI

Fadnavis said people should refrain from making such remarks against anyone.

The old guard of the BJP kept away from the controversy. However, soon after he was arrested, BJP president J P Nadda tweeted in support of Rane, while BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra criticised the Maha Vikas Aghadi, claiming Rane's arrest was an attack on democracy and Constitution.

Meanwhile, Fadnavis said despite Rane's arrest, BJP's Jan Ashirwad Yatra will continue with others leading it.

3 terrorists shot dead; toll this year crosses 100

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A day after the police gunned down the chief and the deputy chief of The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow group of the Lashkar-e-Toiba, three more terrorists were killed in an encounter with the security forces at Sopore in north Kashmir on Tuesday. Tuesday's encounter took the number of terrorists killed this year to over 100.

A police official said a joint contingent of police, CRPF and army laid siege to Pethseer area at Sopore in Baramulla district last evening after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists.

"After plugging all possible escape routes, troops zeroed-in on the terrorists' location and asked them to surrender. They turned down the offer and fired towards the search party. The fire was returned, triggering an encounter," he said.

The official, however, said due to darkness, the operation was suspended but the cordon was tightened.

"In the wee hours, the final assault was launched on terrorists and in the ensuing gunfight, which continued till afternoon, three TRF terrorists were killed," he said. Of the three slain terrorists, two hailed from Shopian in south Kashmir and one from Kupwara. Police said an AK-47 rifle and two pistols were recovered from the encounter site.

Meanwhile, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said with the death of the three terrorists on Tuesday, over 100 terrorists have been killed in different encounters by security forces in Kashmir in 2021 so far.

He said anti-militancy operations would continue but reiterated his appeal to the local terrorists to shun the path of violence and return to the mainstream.

Leaders of the six-party Gupkar Alliance during a joint press conference in Srinagar on Tuesday | PTI

Gupkar resolution urges Centre to restore Article 370

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Gupkar Alliance on Tuesday passed resolution, demanding the restoration of Article 370. The joint declaration said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A has created a big political void and deep uncertainty in J&K, and asserted nothing substantial has emerged after PM Modi's *Dilli ki Doori and Dil ki Doori* slogan during the all-party meeting in June.

The top leadership and second rung leaders and workers of the six-party alliance met at Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar residence in Srinagar for the first time after formation of the grouping in October 2020.

Over 100 party workers and second rung leaders of Gupkar Alliance constituent parties attended the meeting during which PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, Farooq Abdullah and Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami reiterated their commitment to fighting for the abrogated articles' restoration.

They also said that "It is most unfortunate that judicial challenges against abrogation of Article 370 continue to remain pending before Supreme Court even after two years".

"The suppression of civil liberties and democratic rights continues unabated. Attack on democratic rights under draconian laws like UAPA/PSA continues as hundreds of people remain under detention without even charges being framed. New orders are being passed like non-clearance for passports and government services to anyone involved in 'law and order' or 'stone pelting cases'. This negates the principle of natural justice by equating a police report with being guilty and being denied all these services," the joint resolution of the alliance read.

EXPRESS READ

Five teachers attempt suicide over transfer

Kolkata: Five women teachers attached to child education centres in south Bengal attempted suicide on Tuesday by consuming poison while staging a demonstration in Kolkata, protesting against their transfer to north Bengal. All of them were admitted to state-run hospitals where their condition was stable.

Two Maoists killed in Sukma encounter

Raipur: Two cadres of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) were killed in an exchange of fire with the security forces at Gompad forested terrain in an edgy district of Sukma on Tuesday morning. The bodies have been recovered.

Punjab CM battles fresh fires in party

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE power tussle within the ruling Congress in Punjab intensified on Tuesday with four cabinet ministers and over two-dozen MLAs loyal to state party unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu demanding the immediate ouster of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. By late evening, the CM appeared to have won over six MLAs and a former MLA, as they distanced themselves from the revolt.

Those on the warpath include Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria and Charanjit Singh Channi (all four cabinet ministers) and Punjab Congress general secretary (organisation) Pargat Singh. They met at Bajwa's house before announcing the revolt.

After the meeting, Randhawa and Channi said the party cannot win the state polls under Amarinder's leadership and requested the high command to name his successor. Sidhu later tweeted, "Got a call from Tripat Bajwa ji asking for an emergency meeting... Met him along with other colleagues at the PPCC office. Will appraise the high command of the situation."

The Congress has 80 MLAs in the Assembly. Punjab will go to polls in about six months. The rebels said they will meet AICC general secretary Harish Rawat when he arrives on Wednesday and seek Congress president Sonia Gandhi's appointment.

SOLAR ENERGY

Ayodhya to tap sunlight to power its transformation

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AYODHYA is in line for transformation into a solar city as the engineering firm Larsen & Toubro (L&T), involved in the construction of the temple on Ram Janmabhoomi premises, has been asked to prepare a detailed project report.

As per highly-placed sources, the decision to make the temple town a solar city was taken based on its future power requirements. The makeover of Ayodhya into Navya Ayodhya, the upcoming Ram temple complex and other attractions will strain the power infrastructure, which can be eased by adopting green power, the panels of which would be installed on roof tops, said the sources.

The sources also claimed that the state government was contemplating to amend Solar Policy, 2017, to provide more incentives to residents opting for rooftop solar panels to replicate the Ayodhya model in other cities, especially those of religious importance.

"This will treated as the pilot project in the first phase after which some other cities will also be identified for similar development," said a senior official Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) said.

An L&T survey found that Ayodhya's 3,40,000 population, living in 81,000 households consume 281 million units of power annually.

As per the New and Renewable Energy Development Agency officials, it has a four-pronged strategy in Ayodhya — solar power generation from ground-mounted utility scale and solar plants, arranging solar cooking for community kitchens for devotees visiting the Ram Temple, fulfilling energy requirement of the Shri Ram Temple Complex from solar and other renewable sources.

Simultaneously, the NEDA has also proposed changes to the state's solar policy, seeking more incentives to encourage people, government, semi-government and commercial bodies to install rooftop panels. The amendment proposals were sent to the government, which was likely to take a call on the issue soon, said the officials.

Documentary on Bankathi teaching model out

Bankathi-Shiksha Aapke Dwar, a documentary, has been released on India's leading OTT platform MX Player that boasts of over 280 million global users. Directed by Satyajit Sharma and produced by Ginger Design, the documentary details the dedication of teachers at Bankathi Middle School in Dumka in the face of pandemic. When the world was yet to come to terms with the impact of the lockdowns, these teachers landed up at the doorsteps of students and conducted open-air classes, following Covid-appropriate behaviour. The documentary has run in 19 film festivals to critical acclaim. The teaching model was cited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann Ki Baat.

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RANCHI DIARY

Mass medication programme against filariasis

Health minister Banna Gupta launched a Mass Drug Administration (MDA) programme against filariasis in 12 of the 24 affected districts and urged over 1.78 crore intended beneficiaries to take the necessary medications to eradicate the vector-borne disease, which mostly affects people in rural areas. The four-day campaign, scheduled to conclude on August 27, was launched in Giridih, Chatra, Dumka, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Garhwa, Godda, Hazaribagh, Khunti, Lohardaga, Ranchi and Simdega. During the drive, at least two drugs – DEC and Albendazole – will be administered to beneficiaries in 11 districts of the state and three drugs – DEC, Albendazole and Ivermectin – will be administered to beneficiaries in Simdega.

Draft bill on doctors' protection approved

Health minister Banna Gupta has approved the draft of Medical Protection Bill A Medical Protection Bill aimed at providing safety to doctors. It is likely to be tabled in the Monsoon Session. Gupta gave nod to the bill drafted using provisions from the Medical Protection Acts of different states in India. The State Health Ministry has not only focused on ensuring safety for doctors but also tried to provide consumer rights and right to affordable treatment to the patients, making it beneficial for patients as well as caregivers in the state. The MPA is already being implemented in 18 states.

Ticket vending machines at three stations

Automatic ticket vending machine at railway stations

With a view to offering relief to passengers from the harassment of standing in long queues at ticket counters, Automatic Ticket Vending Machine (ATVM) would be installed at three railway stations soon. Dhanbad Rail Division of East Central Railway Zone (ECR) is going to install ATVM at Dhanbad, Koderma, and Daltonganj railway stations of the division. With the restoration of this facility, rather than joining in long queues at counters, the passenger can take a general ticket from ATVM at the main gate. Senior railway officials said that the machines have already arrived at divisional headquarters from ECR headquarters and installation at the selected station is in progress.

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1	TR-21/S&P/13 RFx No-**8100022859**	132 KV Solid Core Insulators	1572	1120/-	1180/-	1.72 Lac	**20/09/2021**
2	TR-21/S&P/19 RFx No-**8100022882**	GPS based Time Synchronization Equipment	74	1120/-	1180/-	1.84 Lakh	**16/09/2021**
3.	TR-21/ S&P/08 RFx No-**8100022931**	Primary Current Injection Kit	09	1120/-	1180/-	1.88 Lakh	**22/09/2021**

1. For all other details of NIT and terms & conditions, please visit our website www.cspc.co.in

Executive Director (S&P)
CSPTCL :Raipur

//Save Electricity// 29670/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above petitioners have filed the C.Misc. No.3174/2021 in Court Hall No.20, ACMM at Bengaluru petition for issue of Death Certificate of Deceased, who is the Husband of the 1st petitioners and Father of the 2nd Petitioner named as **Mahendran, S/o Late Muniswamy, who died on 28.10.1996** at No.71, Venkatehswara Temple Road, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru - 560010.

Any person interested in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 26-08-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble court 20th ACMM Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioners : **Pankaja .B.C**
239, 12th Block, Nagarabhavi,
Bengaluru-560 072.

Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Head Office: Bengaluru
HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore-560 102.
Phone no.080- 25723483
e-mail cb2673@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Section 13 (4)]
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **15.10.2019** calling upon the borrower **Mr Kiran D A & Mr. Pradeep D K** Jointly to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.44,46,871.03** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One and Ps. Three Only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **19th day of August the year 2021.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount **Rs.44,46,871.03** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One and Ps. Three Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing residential site No.698 situated in further Extension of Anjanapura 10th Block Layout Bangalore, bounded East by: Road, West by: Site No. 705, North by: Site No.699, South by: Site No.697.

Date : 19.08.2021
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-T5/21-22/1910-11 Dt: 23.08.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/ TR(M)/BRAZ/AEE-2/REPL CBs 220kVMalur/EPR-670 dtd: 13.08.2021 (Call-2)** for **"Replacement of 220kV class Circuit breakers of 220kV Lines, Bus-Coupler and Power Transformers at 220kV R/s, Malur in station Maintenance Division, Malur coming under the jurisiction of TR(M), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru on Partial Tuenkey Basis. (CALL-2)".** The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **26.08.2021.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elec.), Transmission (Maintenance), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024. Ph: 080-23513952

STATE BANK OF INDIA

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Shri. Prasanta Kumar Biswal
E-mail ID: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 8754140264
Landline No.(office): 080-25943769

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH
Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, 'A' Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 009.
Telephone: 080-25943765/25943769
E-Mail: **sbi.40564@sbi.co.in**

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Date of Time E-Auction of Immovable Property : 29.09.2021 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Last Date to Submit EMD with KYC : 27.09.2021 on or before 4.00 pm

Smt. Reena Singh D W/o Sri. B. Shankar
#1162, 5th Cross, 12th Main, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore 560050.
2) # BBMP Katha No. 297/105/2 & 105/7/49/3/4, Assessment No.105/7 (New), Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Tq 560022.
3) No.15, Canara Bank, Building, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Near Jallageramma Temple, Srinagara, Bangalore 560050.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor on 15.04.2017, will be sold on **"As is where is"**, **"As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **29.09.2021** for recovery of **Rs.1,33,12,908/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight only) as on 18.08.2021+** interest+expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, ARMB, Secured creditor **Smt. Reena Singh D W/o Sri. B. Shankar.** The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD) and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Property No	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD along with KYC Documents
1.	Rs. 105.28 Lakh	Rs. 10,53,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	27.09.2021

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/GR/2021-22
Property - (Title deed Holder: Smt. Reena Singh D W/o Sri B. Shankar)

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property No.3 & 4, BBMP Katha No.49, Assessment No.105/2, New 105/7, Present BBMP Katha No.297/105/2, 105/7/49/3/4, Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk the Property Comes under the Limits of New BBMP, Rajarajeshwari Nagar and measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 42 feet in all total measuring 1680 Sq ft. bounded by: **East By :** Site No.5, **West By:** Site No.2, **North By:** Property belongs to Veerabadrappa, **South By:** 20 Feet Road.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH, TEL: 080-25943765/25943769, Sri.Prasanta Kumar Biswal, Mob: 8754140264 and Smt. G. Rajeswari, Mob : 8424044899 during office hours, or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Debt Recovery Squad, Bangalore or its representatives **Mr. M Z KHAN, Mob: 98458 74789 or Mr. NAYAZ BAIG Mob: 98455 29931,** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp., www.sbi.co.ind/-

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.08.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA, ARMB, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into agreement of sale with 1. K.R. Shantha wife of late K.P.Srinivas, 2. K.S. Ramesh, 3. K.S. Harish, 4. K.S. Meena, K.S. Umesh children of late K.P.Srinivas and their family members, all are residing at Shantha Farm No.20/1, Near Solur Gate, Bydarahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District represented by GPA holder M/s Rasasri Developers (PVT) LTD., A Company Incorporated under the Companies Act to purchase of Agricultural lands described in item Nos. 1 and 2 of the schedule given hereunder and also my client has entered into another agreement of sale with K. Ravi Kumar son of Krishnappa and Mamatha wife of K. Ravi Kumar, residing at No.18, R.K. Nivas, 4th Temple Street, (Old 3rd Temple Street) 15' Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003 represented by GPA holder M/s Rasasri Developers (PVT) LTD., A Company incorporated under the Companies Act to purchase Agricultural land described in item No.3 of the schedule given hereunder. In pursuance of the said sale agreements my client is now intending to get sale deeds from the respective owners of the schedule properties to his name or to the name of his nominees.

If any Person or entity has any claim over the schedule properties or objections to the proposed sale of the schedule properties in favour of my client, the same may be sent to the under signed with documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within the said period, my client will go ahead to complete the sale transaction in respect of the schedule properties deeming that there is no claim or objection to the same.

SCHEDULE

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of an Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No. 96, measuring 3 Acre 26 Guntas situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No.95; **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No.103/3; **North by:** Land bearing Sy. No.97; **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No.94;

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of an Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No. 97, measuring 2 Acre 13 Guntas excluding 09 Guntas of Karab Land situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No.80; **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No.98; **North by:** Road and Land bearing Sy. No.71; **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No.96;

Item No. 3: All that piece and parcel of an Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No. [old] 94 [new] 94/1, measuring 2 Acre 15 Guntas and 07 Guntas of Karab Land situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No.95; **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No.103; **North by:** Land bearing Sy. No.96; **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No.94/2;

K. NARASIMHAMURTHY, Advocate
Main Road, Devanahalli Town,
Bangalore Rural District.
Ph. No. 9845216367

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client represents that **Mr. PAVAN KUMAR B. BAJENTRI,** aged about 58 years, son of Late B.B. Bajentri, residing at No.71/B, 22nd Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010 was the absolute owner in respect of the schedule property, have represented that original Possession Certificate dt. 24.04.1974 issued by the then City Improvement Trust Board in favour of previous owner Mrs. Savithramma was kept in a file and while taking for xerox near by his house, during the first week of August, 2021 is misplaced/lost and the same is not traceable as on date.

It is further represented that the said original Possession Certificate dt.24.04.1974 is not been pledged/mortgaged nor has any lien been created on any financial institutions and no other person/s having any authority to hold the said Title Deed. Any person/s holding the said original Possession Certificate dt.24.04.1974 may kindly be return to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.658, PID No.19-3-658, situated at **3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore,** Ward No.100-Basavewashwar Nagar (formerly bearing old CITB No.658, Block No.III in West of Chord Road, III Stage Extension, Bangalore), together with the building thereon, measuring East to West: 30-0 Feet, North to South: 47½-0 Feet, TOTAL AREA: 1,425 Square Feet and bounded as follows : **East by : Site bearing No.659, West by : Site bearing No.657, North by : Site bearing No.663 and South by : Road.**

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE--- KRM LAW FIRM
No.802/618, "AMMA", 6th Main,
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Bangalore-560072. Ph : 9980816715
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BANGALORE DATED : 24.08.2021

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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 01 ರಿಂದ 05 ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಇ–ಹರಾಜನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.09.2021 ಭಾರತೀಯ ಕಾಲಮಾನ 17:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ) (ಡೆಲ್ಟಾ ಟೈಮ್ 5 ನಿಮಿಷ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ).

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ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಸಿ. ಬಸವರಾಜು KMAS
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Government of Karnataka
BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH

Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban District, Z.P.Building, First Floor, S.Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bangalore-560 070

No. EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/21/2021-22/ Dated 23.08.2021

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (Short Term)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement by the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore for **Education Grants/2019-20, MLA Grants, Urdu Education Grants/2017-18 Grants and SCP/TSP Grants.** The work details can be obtained from the e-procurement web site. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **dated 01.09.2021 upto 4.00 pm.** Further details can be obtained from web site **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or** contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division
Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/Shirdi Sai/1294/2021-22

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IDBI BANK

IDBI BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400005.
CIN: L65190MH2004GOI148838

TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION AS OSV FOR PROVIDING MARKETING AND BACK OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICES

IDBI Bank Ltd. wishes to invite bids from eligible Outsourcing Vendors (OSV) for providing Marketing & Back Office Support Services for its Branches / Offices / Establishments. Interested Vendors may download the RFP document from IDBI Bank's website www.idbibank.in (Notices & Tenders). All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelopes, super-scribed "Request for Empanelment as OSV for providing Marketing & Back Office Support Services" and reach The GM, IDBI Bank Ltd, IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400005 by 3.00 PM on September 14, 2021

Date: 25.08.2021
Place: Mumbai

SD/-
Authorised Officer

CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER TRANSMISSION CO. LTD.

(A SUCCESSOR COMPANY OF CSEB) (A GOVT. OF CHHATTISGARH UNDERTAKING)
(CIN - U40108CT2003SGC015820) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CIVIL)

No./04-01/Trans./Works/1095 **Raipur, dtd: 23.08.2021**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited through CSPCL e-bidding system (SAP) from eligible contractors/firms registered in CSPTCL, on Item Rate and on percentage rate above/below/at par of CG PWD SOR for Building Works, Road Works, Bridge Works (w.e.f. 01.01.2015) and Electrical & Mechanical work (01.07.2015) and base rate for Non-SOR items. The unregistered contractors/firms having similar work experience in Central/State Government/Autonomous Bodies/Public Undertaking shall also be considered on submission of experience certificate.

1. Tender Spn. No.-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/33; **Rfx No.**- 8100022816:- Civil work for construction of additional 132/33 KV, 40 MVA X-mer (3rd Unit) at 132/33 KV S/s. Jhalap under E.E. (S/s. Dn.-II) Raipur. **NIT Value :-** Rs. 38.77 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 38,800/-. Completion Period :- 04 Months. **2. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/34; **Rfx No.**- 8100022817:- Renovation of yard at 132/33KV S/s. Birgaon. **NIT Value :-** Rs. 34.00 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 34000/-. Completion Period :- 04 Months. **3. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/35; **Rfx No.**- 8100022818:- Construction of boundary wall and road for connecting vacated offices City Division (West), Danganiya Raipur to Vidyut Sewa Bhawan Complex **NIT Value :-** Rs. 8.28 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 8300/-. Completion Period :- 02 Months. **4. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/36; **Rfx No.**- 8100022819:- Construction of 2.40 m high boundary wall at 132/33 KV S/s. Bhanupratappur, Distt. Kanker.**NIT Value :-** Rs. 76.55 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 76,600/-. Completion Period :- 06 Months. **5. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/37; **Rfx No.**- 8100022820:- Replacement of old and broken AC sheet roofing and wall sheets of 5 bay shed at 220KV S/s. Bhilai-3. **NIT Value :-** Rs 6.64 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 6,700/-. Completion Period :- 01 Months. **6. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/38; **Rfx No.**- 8100022821:- Construction of addl. 01 no. 132 KV feeder bay at 220KV S/s. Mungeli for 2nd circuiting of 132KV Mungeli-Takhatpur line **NIT Value :-** Rs. 10.70 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 10,700/-. Completion Period :- 03 Months. **7. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/39; **Rfx No.**- 8100022822:- Construction of 02 Nos. 220KV feeder bay at 400/220KV S/s. Kurud for accommodating 220KV DCDS Kurud-Patan line **NIT Value :-** Rs. 108.30 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 1,08,300/-. Completion Period :- 06 Months. **8. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/40; **Rfx No.**- 8100022823:- Hiring of jeep category or equivalent vehicle for Superintending Engineer (Civil), Circle, CSPTCL, Jagdalpur for 24 months. **NIT Value :-** Rs. 11.60 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 11,600/-. Completion Period :- 24 Months. **9. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/41; **Rfx No.**- 8100022824:- Hiring of 01 no. jeep category vehicle for Executive Engineer (Civil), Dn., CSPTCL, Jagdalpur for 24 months. **NIT Value :-** Rs. 11.60 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 11,600/-. Completion Period :- 24 Months. **10. Tender Spn. No.**-04-01/C-TRANS/W/21-22/42; **Rfx No.**- 8100022825:- Hiring of jeep category or equivalent vehicle for A.E. (Civil) of Civil Dn., Kanker for 24 months. **NIT Value :-** Rs. 11.60 Lakhs & **EMD:-** Rs. 11,600/-Completion Period :- 24 Months.

Cost per tender document to be submitted online for tender at **Sl. No. 07** is **Rs. 1180/-, Sl. No. 01, 02 & 04** is **Rs. 885/- and** at **Sl. No. 03, 05, 06, 08, 09 & 10** is **Rs. 590/-** per tender document (i/c GST). Last date & time for submission and opening of bids for Sl. No.- 1 & 2 dt. **15.09.2021** (up to 12:15 Hrs. & 12:30 Hrs.), Sl. No.- 3 & 4, dt. **16.09.2021** (up to 12:15 Hrs. & 12:30 Hrs.), Sl. No.- 5 & 6 dt. **17.09.2021** (up to 12:15 Hrs. & 12:30 Hrs.), Sl. No.- 7 & 8, dt. **20.09.2021** (up to 12:15 Hrs. & 12:30 Hrs.) and Sl. No.- 9 & 10, dt. **21.09.2021** (up to 12:15 Hrs. & 12:30 Hrs.) respectively. The tender document can be viewed and download online from our e-tendering portal.

(R.K. Shrivastava)
//Save Electricity// **29671/3** **Executive Director (Civil) CSPTCL, Raipur**

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No.: VCCV/PWD /T.N/2021-22/1135 Date: 19.08.2021

E-Procurement Short Term 2nd Call Tender Corrigendum Notification

Ref: Previous Letter No.VCC/PWD/T.N/2021-22/644 Dated: 13-07-2021.

Online tenders in E-procurment are called for work, Subjected to standard Bid Documents Terms and conditions of KW-4 are called under Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Vikas Yojana (MGNVY) Fund, for the Work Indent No. DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT108270/ CALL-2 Accordingly, some amendments have been made to the tender. 1) Last Date for Tender Submission on: **04-09-2021 at 4:00 pm.** 2) Opening date for technical bid on: **06-09-2021 at 4:30 pm.** 3) Opening date for financial bid on: **13-09-2021 at 4-30 pm.** All Interested PWD Registered Contractors can participate in the the Tender Process, for more details regarding the Tender process, terms and conditions please visit website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Vijaypur City Corporation, Vijaypur
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CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mahesh Kumar Gudiyadolu** (Old Name) S/o. Raghu Ram Naidu aged about 37 years, R/at. No. 495, 5th Main, Kathriguppe Water Tank Road, 3rd B Cross, Kathriguppe, Bangalore - 560 085, Karnataka, have changed my name as **MAHESH KUMAR GUDIWADA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Mr. Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DIVYA KUMAR,** W/o Kumar, aged 27 years, R/a No. 72, 1st Floor, Oil Mill Road, Aarvind nagar, Bangalore-560084, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RESHMA K** to **DIVYA KUMAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DIVYA KUMAR** only, vide affidavit dated 24-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N. S. RAJALAKSHMY,** Spouse of Wg.Cdr. N. Anantharaman, resident of No.197, 'Vinayaka' 4th Cross, 1st C Main Road, Domlur Layout, Bengaluru 560071, have changed my name from **N. S. RAJALAKSHMY** to **"Mrs. LAKSHMY ANANTHARAMAN",** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2021, sworn to before Mr. RAMESH D. SHAH, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

DECLARATION

I, SERVICE NO 1353256Y EX – NK Narella John Robert Residing at #23 New #971, Hoyasala Nagar, 9th Cross, 8th Main, Dooravaninagar Post, Bangalore-560016, have changed my wife name **N. ANNAMMA** DOB from **04.06.1955** to **15.07.1957** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ESWARIAMMA T.P.,** spouse of No. 1325833, Late Krishnan Nair Prabhakaran Nair, R/o No. 19/2, 2nd Cross, Ramesh Road, Prashanth Nagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Dasarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560057, have changed my name from **ESWARI** to **ESWARIAMMA .T.P,** vide affidavit dated 13-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VANI .G.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. L. VINDHYA,** W/o L. Balaji, D/o. Ananda Rao Deshpandy, aged about 62 years, R/at No. 212/D2, Nandana Apartment, 13th Main, Manjunathnagar, Bengaluru - 560010, have changed my name from **SUREKHA DESHPANDE .C** to **Smt. L. VINDHYA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **Smt. L. VINDHYA** only, vide affidavit dated 24.08.2021, sworn before K.C. Chowde Gowda, Advocate & Notary Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEVEGOWDA @ DYAVEGOWDA, aged about 58 years, S/o. Late Devegowda @ Dyave Gowda, residing at: No. 182, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Kareangala, Kamalanagara, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560079 have changed my name to **DEVEGOWDA** vide Affidavit dated 09.08.2021, sworn to before Advocate and notary, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

DECLARATION

I, SERVICE NO 15326433A HAV Venkata Seshu Kumar .P. of UNIT 32 FD COY, 4 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914004, have changed my name **PANDURI UMADEVI** DOB from **16.09.1987** to **15.07.1988** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 sworn before notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGARAJU V,** S/o Venkatesh, aged about 19 years, R/a No. 187/1, Maseedi Road, 3rd Ward, Dommasandra, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGARAJU .V** to **D.V.U.P.S. CHALAPATHY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **D.V.U.P.S. CHALAPATHY** only, vide affidavit dated 23-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HEBSI BAI DHARMARAJ,** W/o K. John Dharmaraj, aged about 52 years, R/at No.8, 1st Cross, Avani Sringeri Nagar, Nyanappana Halli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name from **M HEBSI BAI** to **HEBSI BAI DHARMARAJ,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **HEBSI BAI DHARMARAJ** only, vide affidavit dated 19.08.2021, sworn before Ravi Kumar .V, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

DECLARATION

I, RAMESH S SANKH, S/o Late. Shidalingappa, R/o #755, LIG, 2nd Phase, B Sector, 13th B Main Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, do hereby declare that the names **RAMESH** and **RAMESH S SANKH** pertain to me only but my correct name in usage is **RAMESH S SANKH** vide Affidavit dated 16-08-2021 sworn to before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 15326433A HAV Venkata Seshu Kumar .P. of UNIT 32 FD COY, 4 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914004, have changed my son name from **P. VENKATA SATHYA MANI MOHIT** to **PANDURI VENKATA SATHYA MANI MOHIT** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENKATESH .D.G,** S/o Late M.K. Govinda Raju, aged about 52 years, R/a No. 187/1, Maseedi Road, 3rd Ward, Dommasandra, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VENKATESH .D.G** to **D.V.G.C.T UMAPATHY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **D.V.G.C.T UMAPATHY** only, vide affidavit dated 23-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **C S MARY LONGKUMER,** W/o Sri Asvinder Singh, aged about 42 years, R/at. No. 73/B, 17th "E" Main, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560095, hereby declare that my name is mentioned in different records i.e., in my Pan Card: **MARY LONGKUMER,** Aadar : **MARY LONGKUMER,** ID Card: **MARY LONGKUMER C.S,** Passport : **MARY LONGKUMER CHUBASENTI,** Union Bank of India: **MARY LONGKUMER,** 12th Standard Marks Card: **C S MARY LONGKUMER,** 10th Standard Marks Card: **C S MARY,** Gas: **MARY LONGKUMER** are my names only and henceforth I would like to be called as **C S MARY LONGKUMER,** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2021, sworn before B. CHITRA, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, T.K.VENKATESAN & CHANDANA.V, residing at D. No. 2/360, Marrimman Kovil Street, Patchur, Tirupattur Vellore, Tamilnadu Pincode:635854, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **V.MANASHVI** to **V.MANASA** vide affidavit Dated 24/8/21 sworn before Notary H.S.Dharma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. P. UMADEVI SPOUSE OF NO 15326433A HAV VENKATA SESHU KUMAR .P. Yellmanchilli (Post & Tk), Visakhapatnam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State), PIN: 531055, have changed my name from **P. UMADEVI** to **PANDURI UMADEVI** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED SIDDIQ,** Residing permanently at Chulukanaknakere Kaval, Harohalli, Ramanagar, Karnataka, India, today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDRASHEKAR NAYAK G.N.** to **MOHAMMED SIDDIQ,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED SIDDIQ** only, vide affidavit dated 24-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A. IDINABBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRATIBA ACHUT,** R/o. # 401, Megha Maanay, Maisandra, Uttarahalli Main Road, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-60, have changed my name from **PRATIBHA ACHYUTA** to **PRATIBA ACHUT,** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2021, sworn before K.V. PREMA KUMARI, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANITA KARTHIKEYAN, W/o. Karthikeyan Krishnan R/at No. S1-204, Silverwood Regency, Kasavanahalli Main Road, Opp Play Arena, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore - 560035, that I have changed my name from **ANITA KARTHIKEYAN KRISHNAN** to **ANITA KARTHIKEYAN** vide Affidavit dated 24/08/2021, before notary B M Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. Sandeep Dodmani**, Resident of # 56, Flat No. 001, 12th Cross, 1st 'A' Main, Vignan Nagar, Kuvempu Road, Bangalore - 560 075 (Karnataka), from now onwards I will use my surname along with my name as **Mr. Sandeep Dodmani** from **Sandeep** only. vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before M.S. Satish, Advocate & Notary Public Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **UMALATA,** LEGALLY WEDDED WIFE OF NO. 14307032P, RANK: HAV, NAME: P V RAJEEVAN, RESIDING AT NO. 652/E, OM NILAYA, LBS NAGAR, 1ST CROSS, 4TH MAIN, HAL, BENGALURU, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **UMALATHA .P,** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 23-08-2021, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MILKA .R @ SHALINI .R,** W/o. Kiran Rao Sindhya, aged about 28 years, residing at Flat No. P4, 'ASTER GRAND', 6th Floor, Garvebhavipalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068, have changed my name from **MILKA .R** to **SHALINI .R** vide affidavit dated 24.08.2021 sworn before Dharani P., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) JAILANI.M.A, residing at No. 63, Pillanna Garden 2nd Stage, Near Jolly ICE Cream Factory, A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) JEELANI ALI.M** vide affidavit dated 21/08/2021 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

URGENCY TO EVACUATE BUILDS AS DEADLINE NEARS

Germany said Western allies simply cannot fly every Afghanistan who needs protection out of Kabul before the cut-off date

Afghans walk along fences as they arrive in Pakistan through the Pakistan-Afghanistan border crossing point in Chaman on Tuesday | AFP

Afghan resistance movement and anti-Taliban uprising forces take part in military training at Dara district in Panjshir province on Tuesday | AFP

'CIA head met Taliban leader in Kabul'

Washington: The director of the CIA met with the Taliban's top political leader in Kabul, an official said on Tuesday. While details of William Burns' discussion with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar on Monday were not released, the meeting represents an extraordinary moment for a CIA that for two decades targeted the Taliban in paramilitary operations. The CIA with Pakistan had arrested Baradar in 2010.

KABUL

EFFORTS to evacuate thousands of people from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan became increasingly urgent on Tuesday, as European nations said they would not be able to evacuate all at-risk Afghans before next week's deadline.

US-led troops have ramped up operations to get thousands of people out of Kabul, after the Taliban warned they would not allow the United States to extend the August 31 deadline for a complete withdrawal.

President Joe Biden has said would stick to the schedule, but is under growing pressure to negotiate more time for the evacuations.

Germany said on Tuesday that Western allies simply cannot fly every Afghan who needs protection out of Kabul before the cut-off date.

"Even if (the evacuation) goes on until August 31 or even a few days longer, it will not be enough to allow those who we, or the United States, want to fly out," Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told Bild TV.

> **Taliban are becoming more aggressive, there is gunfire, violence is more obvious. The situation is frankly dramatic and besides, with each passing day, it is worse because the time is running out**
>
> Margarita Robles, Spanish defence minister

Earlier France said it would have to end evacuations from Kabul's airport on Thursday if the US stuck to the deadline, and Spain said it would not be able to rescue all Afghans who served Spanish missions.

Britain, meanwhile, has said it will lobby for an extension at a virtual G7 summit later Tuesday.

About 50,000 foreigners and Afghans have fled the country from Kabul's airport since the Taliban swept into power nine days ago, according to the US government.

Many Afghans fear a repeat of the brutal interpretation of sharia law that the Taliban implemented when first in power from 1996-2001, or retribution for working with the US-backed government over the past two decades.

The Taliban achieved their stunning victory thanks to Biden pulling out nearly all American troops from Afghanistan, following through on a deal struck with the movement by then-president Donald Trump. *AFP*

France detains Afghan evacuee linked to Taliban

Paris: French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said an Afghan evacuated from Kabul to Paris and suspected of links to the Taliban was detained by French police on Tuesday. The man is one of five Afghans placed under strict surveillance by France's intelligence agency for possible links to the Taliban.

At-risk Afghans hunker down, wait to leave

KABUL

A KNOCK at the door could spell doom. Every passing hour seems endless. That's the new reality for many Afghans who feel they have most to fear from the Taliban and have gone into hiding or are staying off the streets since insurgents swept to power.

Those hunkering down include employees of the collapsed government, civil society activists and women. They are desperate for news that they might be granted asylum somewhere else.

They fear a massive rollback of women's rights, or they are distrustful of the Taliban's promises that they won't seek revenge on former adversaries and that they want to form an inclusive government as the US ends its 20-year war.

One of those in hiding is Mobina, 39, a journalist from the city of Mazar-e-Sharif. After the Taliban overran her city, she fled with her two children and has found refuge in a safe house in Kabul.

"We are asking ourselves What is next? We are crying because nothing can be fixed," Mobina said.

Elsewhere in the Afghan capital, Mumtaz is huddled with his family in their apartment. His father worked for the government and his brother was killed in a grenade attack in 2010 in Laghman province, where the Taliban have long been active. The family made a run to Kabul's airport after the Taliban entered the city on August 15, but they encountered huge crowds, chaos and gunfire and went back home.

They haven't left the apartment since. "We can't go out. We just ask our neighbor to bring us food. We are really scared," said Mumtaz, 26, who recently graduated from law school. He said he has lost all sense of time. *AP*

Taliban win prompts fears of al-Qaeda resurgence

WASHINGTON

THE lightning-fast changes in Afghanistan are forcing the Biden administration to confront the prospect of a resurgent al-Qaeda, the group that attacked America on September 11, 2001, at the same time the US is trying to stanch violent extremism at home and cyberattacks from Russia and China.

With the rapid withdrawal of US forces and rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan, "I think al-Qaeda has an opportunity, and they're going to take advantage of that opportunity," says Chris Costa, who was senior director for counterterrorism in the Trump administration.

"This is a galvanising event for jihadists everywhere."

Al-Qaeda's ranks have been significantly diminished by 20 years of war in Afghanistan, and it's far from clear that the group has the capacity in the near future to carry out catastrophic attacks on America such as the 9/11 strikes, especially given how the US has fortified itself in the past two decades with surveillance and other protective measures.

But a June report from the UN Security Council said the group's senior leadership remains present inside Afghanistan, along with hundreds of armed operatives. It noted that the Taliban, who sheltered al-Qaeda fighters before the September 11 attacks, "remain close, based on friendship, a history of shared struggle, ideological sympathy and intermarriage."

> **Taliban, who sheltered al-Qaeda fighters before the September 11 attacks, remain close, based on friendship, a history of shared struggle, ideological sympathy and intermarriage**
>
> UN Security Council report

The Taliban and IS have fought each other in the past, but the worry now is that Afghanistan could again be a safe harbor for multiple extremists determined to attack the US or other countries. *AP*

UN warns of humanitarian catastrophe

GENEVA

THE United Nations warned on Tuesday that low supplies of food aid were threatening to plunge war-ravaged Afghanistan into a humanitarian disaster once winter arrives.

Since the Taliban swept into power in Afghanistan 10 days ago, the UN's World Food Programme said it had managed to bring 600 metric tonnes of food and 16 new trucks into the country to scale up preparations to assist families through the harsh winter.

But WFP's deputy regional director Anthea Webb told reporters in Geneva that the agency was running out of time to get aid to where it needs to go.

Usually at this time of year, WFP would be prepositioning food stocks across the country and distributing it to needy families before they are cut off by heavy snow.

But faced with tight funding levels and soaring needs, it said this year is it facing the threat of running out of wheat flour — its core supply — from October.

Passengers board a US Air Force C-17 Globemaster III during the Afghanistan evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul | AP/PTI

"We have only a few short weeks to secure the necessary donor funding and get food in place before mountain passes are blocked by snow," Webb said.

Once the snow sets in, it will be too late to help, she warned. *AFP*

Hochul, NY's 1st female guv, vows to end 'distractions'

ALBANY

KATHY Hochul became the first female governor of New York at the stroke of midnight Tuesday, taking control of a state government desperate to get back to business after months of distractions over complaints that her predecessor abused his power and sexually harassed female employees.

Hochul, a 62-year-old Democrat from Buffalo, will begin her 16-month term on Tuesday.

She has vowed to move the state past the 'distractions' marked by the final months of Andrew Cuomo's tenure, who long defied calls for his resignation from a majority of elected New York Democrats until the threat of impeachment became real. Hochul, who didn't work closely with Cuomo, has promised no one will ever call her workplace 'toxic.'

Hochul has spent the past two weeks meeting with state and local officials preparing to lead an administration facing scathing criticism for inaction in the distracted final months of Cuomo's term: from sending out Covid rental aid too slowly, to failing to mandate masks at schools as Covid hospitalisations surge, to slow-walking the legalization of recreational marijuana sales to adults. *AP*

US VP accuses China of 'intimidation' in Asia seas

SINGAPORE

US Vice-President Kamala Harris accused China on Tuesday of intimidation in disputed Asian waters, seeking to rally regional allies as the United States' superpower status takes a hit in Afghanistan.

Her comments in Singapore came as Washington seeks to reset relations in Asia after the turbulent Donald Trump era and build a bulwark against the rising might of Beijing.

But her trip to the region, which also includes a stop in Vietnam, comes as Washington faces fresh questions over its dependability amid the US pullout from Afghanistan and Taliban takeover.

In a speech laying out her administration's foreign policy goals, Harris reiterated that Washington had "enduring commitments" in Asia -- and took aim at China.

"Beijing continues to coerce, to intimidate and to make claims to the vast majority of the South China Sea," she said.

"Beijing's actions continue to undermine the rules-based order and threaten the sovereignty of nations. "The US stands with our allies and partners in the face of these threats."

China claims almost all of the resource-rich sea, through which trillions of dollars in shipping trade passes annually, with competing claims from four Southeast Asian states as well as Taiwan. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

IRAN

Evin prison abuse real, admits official

Dubai: The head of Iran's prison system acknowledged on Tuesday that videos purportedly obtained by a self-described hacker group that show abuses at the Islamic Republic's notorious Evin prison are real, saying he took responsibility for the "unacceptable behaviours". The comment by Mohammad Mehdi Hajmohammadi came the day after AP reported about the abuse at the facility in northern Tehran, long known for holding political prisoners and those with ties to the West whom Iran uses as bargaining chips in international negotiations. he vowed to "avoid the repeat of such bitter incidents," he tweeted. "My apologies to the Almighty God, the dear Supreme Leader, our great nation and the noble prison officers whose efforts will not be ignored" he wrote. *AP*

BRUNEI

First virus deaths reported in over a year

Kuala Lumpur: Brunei reported two coronavirus deaths on Tuesday, the first fatalities from Covid in the Southeast Asian nation in over a year as it battles a fresh outbreak. An 85-year-old woman and a 69-year-old man, both Bruneians, died after contracting lung infections following their admission to a quarantine centre this month, the health ministry said. It brings the total virus deaths in the sultanate on Borneo island to five since the start of the pandemic. *AFP*

THAILAND

Kratom taken off illegal drug list

Bangkok: Thailand on Tuesday decriminalised kratom, a tropical leaf long used as a herbal remedy but which some health regulators around the world have criticised as potentially unsafe. Kratom is part of the coffee family, used for centuries in Southeast Asia and Papua New Guinea for its pain-relieving and mildly stimulating effects. It has become increasingly popular in the US, where the FDA has warned against its use. The change to Thai law means the general public will be able to consume and sell kratom legally. A recent study estimated that decriminalisation will save authorities about 1.69 billion baht ($50 million) in prosecution costs. Kratom stimulates the same brain receptors as morphine, though with much milder effects. *AFP*

Israeli strikes hit Gaza; 15-year-old Palestinian killed in Nablus

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI warplanes struck targets in Gaza overnight, drawing machine-gun fire from Hamas in the heaviest cross-border fighting since the war in May.

In the occupied West Bank, officials said a Palestinian teen was killed in a clash Tuesday with the Israeli military.

Palestinian authorities said the 15-year-old boy died after being shot in the head during clashes with soldiers in the city of Nablus.

The Israeli military said soldiers were carrying out an arrest raid in the Balata refugee camp when they came under attack from nearby rooftops.

The military said large stone blocks were thrown at the troops, and that soldiers opened fire at a person they said was about to drop a large object on them. It was unclear whether the teen, identified as Imad Hashash, was the same person. The Israeli military said a series of airstrikes in the Gaza Strip overnight hit a Hamas weapons manufacturing site, a tunnel and an underground rocket launch site.

> **Soldiers were carrying out an arrest raid in the Balata refugee camp when they came under attack from nearby rooftops. Large stone blocks were thrown at the troops**
>
> Israeli military statement

Relatives mourn during the funeral of 15-year-old Palestinian Imad Khaled Saleh Hashash at the Balata refugee camp, in West Bank on Tuesday | AFP

The army said it struck an additional militant tunnel after Hamas fired machine guns across the border. The violence came as cease-fire talks brokered by Egypt continued to deteriorate.

It also threatened to overshadow Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's first meeting as premier with President Joe Biden in Washington.

Tensions have been rising in recent weeks between Israel and Hamas, with the Islamic militant group frustrated over the slow pace of cease-fire talks that it hopes will ease an Israeli blockade over the territory. Over the weekend, a Palestinian militant shot an Israeli soldier in the head from point-blank range during a demonstration along the Israeli border.

The soldier reportedly remains in critical condition. On Monday, Palestinian activists launched a series of incendiary balloons into Israel, igniting at least three blazes, according to Israel's national fire service. Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade over Gaza since Hamas took control of the territory in 2007. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Indian-American sentenced to 40 months in prison

Washington: A US court has sentenced an Indian-American to 40 months in prison for wire fraud and identity theft in connection with a fraudulent investment scheme worth approximately $1.26 million, federal prosecutors said. According to court records and evidence presented at trial, Manish Singh, 48, entered into an agreement in 2016 with a married couple to create a business that would design and sell high-end fabrics. In reality, Singh was using the victims' money almost entirely for personal expenses, mostly to view live pornography online.

Chad's former dictator Habre dies of Covid

Dakar: Chad's former dictator Hissene Habre, whose government was accused of killing tens of thousands and became the first former head of state to be convicted of crimes against humanity by an African court after spending decades in luxurious exile, has died in Senegal. He was 79. Habre, whose case for years showcased Africa's reluctance to put its despots on trial, had recently contracted Covid according to local media reports.

Tunisia's prez prolongs powers granted to him

Tunis: Tunisia's president has prolonged the special powers he granted himself a month ago when he began ruling by decree after firing the prime minister, freezing parliament and lifting the immunity of lawmakers. President Kais Saied had been expected to step back within 30 days, the time the Tunisian Constitution allows for such special measures.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
403.19 ▲	Sensex	55,958.98	₹29.9 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,771.0	₹745 ▲	Per kg	₹63,450	▲ Dollar		74.15
128.15 ▲	Nifty	16,624.60	₹29.8 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,751.9	₹0.745 ▲	Per gm	₹63.450	▲ Euro		86.08

SC asks DoT not to invoke Airtel bank guarantee

Allows Airtel to move TDSAT; DoT demands ₹1,376-cr AGR as firm bought VTL spectrum

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

BHARTI Airtel on Tuesday got three weeks time from the Supreme Court after the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) threatened to invoke the company's bank guarantees to recover ₹1,376 crore in pending AGR dues for spectrum sold to it by bankrupt Videocon Telecom (VTL). While the SC said that Airtel would have to approach the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) with the argument that it wasn't liable to pay Videocon's AGR dues, it nevertheless directed the DoT to not invoke the company's bank guarantees for three weeks.

The bench comprising justices L Nageswara Rao, S Abdul Nazeer and MR Shah made it clear that the SC would not "interfere" with the earlier AGR judgement, but "it will give (Airtel) the liberty to withdraw to approach the appropriate forum". In October 2019, the SC had ruled in favour of a broader definition of AGR which would include non-telecom revenues too. Since AGR is the basis on which statutory dues are paid, the court had directed telcos to pay pending AGR dues running up to as much as ₹1.52 lakh crore. The SC subsequently allowed telcos to pay the dues in annual instalments spread over a 10-year timeframe.

AGR LIABILTIES ON SELLER, SAYS AIRTEL

Airtel had bought the spectrum assets currently under scrutiny from Videocon Telecom in 2016 and has held that the AGR liability would have to be fixed on the seller, and not the buyer

While Airtel has already paid ₹18,004 crore out of its total AGR liabilities of ₹43,000 crore, it has disagreed with the DoT's stance that it is also liable for the ₹1,376 crore that Videocon Telecom would have to pay. Airtel had bought the spectrum assets currently under scrutiny from Videocon Telecom in 2016 and has held that the AGR liability would have to be fixed on the seller, and not the buyer.

On August 17, however, the DoT had sent demand notices for the payment of these dues within the week, failing which Bharti Airtel's bank guarantees would be invoked.

Maruti EV at an 'appropriate time': Chairman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

MARUTI Suzuki (MSIL) will not enter electric vehicle (EV) space in the short term, chairman RC Bhargava told shareholders at the company's 40th annual general meeting.

He added that the company will start selling EVs only when there is reasonable volume and it won't have to incur losses. "We will introduce electric vehicles, but we will do that at an appropriate time when it will be feasible to sell these electric vehicles in reasonable numbers and when it will be feasible to sell them without making a loss on the whole operation," said Bhargava.

Bhargava's statement comes at a time when automakers such as Tata Motors and Hyundai are eyeing to expand their EV offerings in India. Similarly, Mahindra & Mahindra have stated its aggressive EV plans for the domestic market and MG Motor would be launching its second EV in India next year. According to Bhargava, sales volume in this space is minimal and it has had no impact on the market share of Maruti Suzuki.

According to reports that emerged last month, MSIL's parent company Suzuki will enter EV market by 2025, starting with India. Their first vehicle is likely to be priced lower than ₹10 lakh.

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>
> RC Bhargava, Chairman, Maruti

Chip shortage temporary

On the current semiconductor shortage faced by the automobile industry, Bhargava said that the problem is expected to be over by 2022. He added that Maruti Suzuki hasn't had a major impact due to it though its production has been hit partly. "The shortage of semiconductors is a temporary problem partly due to Covid-19. Our estimation is that this shortage problem will be over by 2022," Bhargava said.

New CBDT chairman, members likely to be appointed by Aug-end

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE government is likely to announce the appointment of new members of CBDT by this month-end and is planning to fill vacancies for senior positions at the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs soon.

"The hiring will speed up, especially at the top position. It is expected that by the end of this month, government is likely to appoint new board members of CBDT and also its chairman," a senior official at the finance ministry told TNIE.

According to sources in the finance ministry, name of Anuja Sarangi is doing rounds for the post of CBDT chairman, and the announcement is likely to be made next week or latest by the first week of September. She is working as Member (Vigilance) in the CBDT and is freshly inducted in the CBDT board.

In May, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) named 1985 batch officers of the Indian Revenue Service — Anu J Singh, J B Mohapatra and Anuja Sarangi — as new members of CBDT board, the administrative and policy-making body for the Income Tax Department.

After retirement of PC Mody, Mohapatra was also given the charge of interim chairman of CBDT. With Anu J Singh and Krishna Mohan Prasad, two board members retiring in August and another member SK Gupta already retired, there is fresh vacancy in the board. Mohapatra will retire in April next year while Sarangi will superannuate in May, 2023.

Officials claim that government may reconsider inducting other senior officials who were left out in May.

Sources said that as the government is focussing on tax collection, which is doing better than expected, it is addressing the pending demand of filling up senior positions on priority basis. On May 1, more than 190 vacancies for Principal Commissioners, around 50 at the level of Chief Commissioners and Principal Chief Commissioners, and a secretary-level post were reported. Officials had flagged their concerns with the finance minister. Some of the appointments were done in May and rest are expected in the coming few weeks.

ASIANOMICS

SOUTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA SET TO CURB GOOGLE, APPLE COMMISSION DOMINANCE

South Korea is likely to bar Google and Apple from requiring software developers to use their payment systems, effectively stopping them from charging commissions on in-app purchases, the first such curbs on the tech giants by a major economy. The parliament's legislation and judiciary committee is expected on Tuesday to approve the amendment of the Telecommunications Business Act, dubbed the "Anti-Google law," banning app store operators with dominant market positions from forcing certain payment systems. If the bill gets the committee's approval, it will be put to a final vote on Wednesday. Lawmakers in South Korea started raising the issue of the tech giants' commission structure since the middle of last year. Apple and Google have both faced global criticism because they require software developers using their app stores to use proprietary in-app payment systems that charge commissions of up to 30% on in-app purchases. The European Union last year proposed the Digital Markets Act, taking aim at app store commissions. The rules are designed to affect large companies, but some European lawmakers are in favour of tightening them to specifically target American technology giants, Reuters reported in June.

PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN GETS $2.75 BN FROM IMF

Pakistan on Tuesday received $2.75 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under a Special Drawing Rights (SDR) programme to support low-income countries hit by the coronavirus, its central bank said. As per reports, Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves are expected to reach the highest-ever level. They added that no conditions were attached to this loan, which is not part of the IMF programme for Pakistan and the interest rate is very low. Earlier this month, the IMF Executive Board approved the largest-ever distribution of monetary reserves of $650 billion to help mitigate the economic woes of the low-income countries because of the coronavirus pandemic. "Today is a historic day and member states have received $650 billion," the IMF said in a statement. "The transfer will bring confidence and stability to the global economy and the global economy will re-emerge," it added.

TAIWAN

TAIWAN TO REASSURE US ABOUT CHIP SHORTAGE

Taiwan is doing all it can to address the global shortage of semiconductors, Economy Minister Wang Mei-hua said on Tuesday after talks with the newly-appointed de facto US ambassador in Taipei. Democratic US senators from Michigan and Ohio last week asked the Taiwanese government to help address the shortage, given that the island is a major semiconductor producer. Wang said the top US diplomat in Taiwan, Sandra Oudkirk, had raised the issue of chip shortages during a meeting on Monday. MCU, or microcontroller units commonly used for auto chips, production rose 60% in the first half compared with the same period last year, she added. The issue has taken on a strong diplomatic hue as Taiwan scrambles to reassure the United States, its most important international supporter and arms supplier, that it is doing all it can, especially at a time when Taipei is facing increased military pressure from China, which views Taiwan as its own. Last month, TSMC, the world's largest contract chipmaker, said the auto chip shortage would gradually ease from this quarter but it expected overall semiconductor capacity tightness to extend possibly into next year.

Zomato shares under selling pressure; fall 11% in two days

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

AFTER a blockbuster run for a month, Zomato share prices are under heavy selling pressure. The stock has fallen around 11% in two trading sessions with Monday session accounting for over 8% slump.

Shares of Zomato hit a low of ₹120 on Tuesday as against a trade value of ₹141 on Friday. However, it recovered during the day to close at 125, a near 2% fall from previous-day closing. In contrast, BSE sensex added over 400 points to close at a record high of 55,959.

The fall in Zomato's share is attributed to ending of the lock-in period for anchor investors on August 24. Before launching its ₹9,375-crore IPO mid-July, Zomato had witnessed a strong buying interest from global and domestic institutional investors for its anchor book.

It had allotted a total of 55.21 crore equity shares worth ₹4,195 crore at ₹76 apiece to around 186 anchor investors that included names such as Tiger Global and BlackRock.

Zomato shares debuted on exchanges on July 23, 2021 and according to the current rules, anchor investors have a 30-day lock-in period post allotment.

During its one-month run, its shares touched a peak of ₹147.80 and has most stayed over ₹130-apiece mark.

Despite the correction, many analysts tracking the food aggregator are bullish on its stock with ICICI Securities giving a target price of ₹220.

"The stock corrected 15% in two days. However, there is no change in fundamentals and long-term investors are advised to maintain their position with stoploss of ₹105," said Rahul Sharma, Co-Founder of Equity99.

ICICI Securities expects Zomato to deliver 46%/33% revenue CAGR over the next 5/10 years on the back of strong demand tailwinds.

CSR spends up 3%; PM-CARES looses appeal

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WHILE India Inc has battled headwinds on the business front due to Covid-induced lockdowns, the CSR spends of companies have grown by 3.62% to ₹22,000 crore in FY21. The PM-CARES Fund, however, has witnessed a colossal fall in contributions. A Crisil report on Tuesday said, assuming that the spending was around the mandated mark of 2% of average profit of the preceding three fiscals, firms would have spent ₹22,000 crore on corporate social responsibility (CSR) in FY21 as against ₹21,231 crore in FY20.

CONTRIBUTION TO PM-CARES

- **₹4,316 cr** during March-May 2020 (first wave)
- as against **₹85 crore** between March-June, 2021 (second wave)

TOTAL CSR SPENDING

₹22,000 cr in FY21 as against **₹21,231** crore in FY20

COVID SPENDS

13% of total in FY20 as against **62%** in FY21 (estimated)

At the same time, corporate contributions to the PM-CARES Fund saw a massive fall from ₹4,316 crore during the first wave between March and May 2020 to only ₹85 crore during the second wave between March and June 2021.

"In fiscal 2020, the top priorities for India Inc continued to be education and skill development, as well as healthcare and sanitation - both accounting for 53% of the total spend on CSR," it said. It added that healthcare and sanitation remained the second-highest head and rural development was the fourth-highest. In FY20, of the total CSR spend of ₹14,431 crore, 13% or ₹1,815 crore was spent on the Covid cause, making it the third largest area in terms of spending. The share of pandemic-related CSR spending is estimated to have climbed to 62% in FY21.

"The successive waves of Covid-19 have been a litmus test of corporate altruism — with companies having to balance employee well-being initiatives, business imperatives and their social contract. Given the expectations of a third wave, the probability of diverting more funds during this fiscal year seems imminent," said Maya Vengurlekar, COO, Crisil Foundation.

348 Nidhi companies fail to meet norm: Govt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

The government has warned stakeholders of 348 companies that failed to meet the requisite criteria for declaration as a Nidhi company.

"Stakeholders are advised to verify the antecedents of a company functioning as a Nidhi and ensure that it has been declared as a Nidhi company by the Central government before becoming its member and depositing/investing their hard-earned money in such companies," the ministry of corporate affairs said.

MCA advises investors to verify status of Nidhi companies before investment. 'Nidhi' means a company that has been incorporated as a Nidhi with the object of cultivating the habit of thrift and savings amongst its members, receiving deposits from, and lending to, its members only, for their mutual benefit. As on August 24, forms filed by 348 companies were scrutinised but "not a single company could satisfy the requisite criteria for it to be declared as a Nidhi company by the Central government," it said.

EXPRESS READ

BOI to raise ₹3k cr equity capital via QIP

New Delhi: Bank of India is planning to raise ₹3,000-crore equity capital through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) offer to fuel business growth and meet regulatory compliance, sources said, PTI reported. "The bank is in the process of raising ₹3,000 crore through QIP and seven book running lead managers have been appointed for the proposed issue," sources privy to the development said. A non-deal roadshow to woo investors concluded on Monday. The management participated in the same.

Q1 GDP expected to grow at 18.5%: SBI Ecowrap

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

INDIAN economy is likely to grow at 18.5% in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, less than RBI's expectation of 21.4%, says the State Bank of India's latest report Ecowrap.

"Based on the SBI Nowcasting model, the forecasted GDP growth for Q1 FY22 would be around 18.5% (with upward bias). The GVA is estimated at 15%. What is important is the possibility of a wide divergence between GVA and GDP because of strong tax collections. This is lower than RBI's expectations of 21.4%," stated the SBI report.

It added that the high growth projection is because of a low base as almost all the countries have registered a double-digit real GDP growth.

The average real GDP growth for 17 economies has improved from -0.1% in Q1 2022 to 12.2 Q2 2022.

The report pointed out that if corporate announcements are considered then a substantial recovery is visible and overall corporate GVA of 4,069 companies registered a growth of 28.4% in the first quarter.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹521.95

Target Price ₹635

MARICO

We remain positive on Marico given a) Ongoing topline growth momentum in each of its core segments, b) significantly higher growth rates as well as targets in the Foods portfolio, and c) `4.5-5b now targeted from its 'Digital-first' range of products are highly encouraging developments.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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'Long road to recovery as small firms yet to achieve pre-Covid level'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

INDIA Inc has managed to weather the Covid-19 storm in the first quarter of the current financial year, bouncing back from the low base of the year-ago quarter, but it was largely driven by the big companies with a quarterly sales of above ₹500 crore. Smaller firms, however, have still not recovered from the pandemic-led double lockdown implying there is a long road to recovery.

Data analysed by Care Ratings showed that of the 3,008 companies, only 1,335, which is 44% of the sample, had sales which were higher than that in 2019. This means more than half of these companies have not yet reached their pre-pandemic levels. Further, if 224 firms are excluded which registered less than ₹1 crore increase in sales, the proportion comes down to 37%. Compared to 2020, 711 companies had witnessed lower sales in 2021.

INDUSTRIES WHERE SALES GROWTH IS NEGATIVE COMPARED TO 2019 (IN %)

Industries	2020	2021	2021 over 2019
Diamonds & Jewellery	-90	220.7	-68
Hospitality	-84.1	116.4	-65.5
Aviation	-80.6	88.2	-63.5
Retail	-66.1	44	-51.2
Media & Entertainment	-49.9	22.1	-38.8
Consumer durables	-54.7	64.5	-25.6
Realty	-55.5	74	-22.5
Alcohol	-51.8	69.3	-18.3
Paper	-51	75.6	-14.1
Capital Goods	-45.4	57.9	-13.8
Electricals	-46.7	62	-13.7
Infrastructure	-42.7	53	-12.3
Auto & ancillaries	-65.8	162.4	-10.3
Diversified	-45	70	-6.5
Trading	-58.3	125.9	-5.9
Textile	-62.8	160.7	-3.1
Insurance	-6.5	5.9	-1
Inds. Gases & Fuel	-38.8	55.9	-4.7

IMPRESSIVE SALES IN 2021

Growth in sales was impressive at **43%** in 2021 but gets diluted to **3.5%** when compared with 2019. Raw material costs have gone up sharply in 2021.

Soure: CARE RATINGS

A size-wise analysis shows that for very small companies with sales of less than ₹10 crore, the growth in sales was negative in 2021, meaning the second wave of disruptions have pushed these micro and small enterprises even further back this year. For other companies with sales in the range of ₹10-25 crore, ₹25-100 crore and ₹100-500 crore, while there was an improvement in sales in 2021 over 2020, it was still lower than that in 2019.

Just 418 companies with sales above ₹500 crore had seen sales crossing the 2019 level. In terms of profits, companies with sales ₹0-10 crore and ₹10-25 crore posted losses for the second successive quarter.

Growth in sales was impressive at 43% in 2021 but gets diluted to 3.5% when compared with 2019. Raw material costs went up sharply in 2021. But, when compared with 2019, the increase is marginal at 0.3%.

Interestingly, staff costs rose 12.4%. This could mean companies have been increasing both the headcount as well as salaries of the staff. Interest costs exhibit a decline both when compared with 2019 as well as 2020 as cost of capital came down and companies have tended to borrow less money from banks. In Q1, credit growth fell 1%.

The lockdown has affected sectors in a disparate manner. At least 18 industry groups are yet to reach the turnover of 2019 level even while growth in 2021 compared with 2020 has been very impressive (see chart). Of these, 8 are in the services sector which is significant as it vindicates the view that this segment has not yet recovered from the lockdowns. Four of them are directly related to household spending which again indicates that there is still a long distance to be covered before normalcy can be restored.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the schedule property from its owners **SRI M.S. RAMAMURTHY,** S/o Late. M.L. Subramanyam and **SMT. SANNUTHA MURALI,** W/o. Sri. Murali R, Residing at No.35/13, 6th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru -560027.

Apart from the said owners and Agreement Holders, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charges or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are claiming their rights with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of the publication of this notice. Objections received thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Municipal No.532, 10th "B" Cross, E.W.S., PID No.389/532, Ward No.4, Yelahanka Satellite Town, situated at 'B' Sector, 1st Stage, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064. Property measuring East to West 20 Ft. and North to South 45 Ft in all measuring 900 Sq. Ft. with total 1200 Sq. Ft of residential R.C.C. Roofed House In Ground and First Floor with all civil amenities and bounded on the;

East by: House No.533, West by: House No.531, North by: Road, South by: House No.519,

H.J. SANGHVI,
MANISH H SANGHVI, Advocates,
No.412/8, 2nd Floor, Prabhath Complex,
K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Mobile: 9845142208

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **Dr. Sreedhara N.** ("Owner"). If any person/s has/have any claim over the Schedule Property or any objection for the purchase of the Schedule Property by our client, he/she/they may lodge his/her/their claim and objection in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within fifteen days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claims or objections and/or that the claim/s if any, has/have been given up and our client will proceed with the transaction of purchasing the Schedule Property as being free from all claims, encumbrance etc,.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property No. 342 in Banashankari II Stage Extension, consisting of ground and first floor with RCC construction, measuring East to West 40' 0" Feet; and North to South 60' 0" Feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq. Feet, and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 343; **West by:** Site No. 341; **North by:** Site No. 369 and **South by:** Road.

Abhinav. R, Advocate
Kumar & Kumar Advocates,
F-113, 3rd Floor, Central Chambers,
2nd Main,Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 09.
Date: 24-08-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **Smt. Bindiya G.P** W/o Mr. Akshay Hari, R/a No.38/1, 2nd Cross, Near Post Office Ganganagara, RT Nagara Bangalore, she intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property, from **Sri H. Rangashamaiah** S/o Sri Late B. Hanumanthe Gowda, Residing at Isthur Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddabalapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, having title to the Property concerned as per the documents verified.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my clients should write to the undersigned within **Seven days (7)** from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and thereafter my clients shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claimants/ objections to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Land bearing **Old Sy. No. 63, New Sy. No. 63/2,** measuring 1 Acre 06 guntas, situated at Isthur Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddabalapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded as follows **East by:** Kere angala, **West by:** Road, **North by:** C scheduled property, **South by:** Road.

G.M. JAGADEESH, Advocate
No. 65, Grond Floor, Shri Sai Krupa,
4th Cross, BDS Nagar, K. Narayanapura,
Kothanur Post, Bangalore –77.
Mob: 9900955654

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client intends to purchase Property described in Schedule herein, with its owner M/s. Srini Clickers Rep. by its proprietor Mr. S. Srinivasan, S/o. Subramaniam Residing in No. 1, 5th Cross Street, Karpagam Garden, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020, Tamilnadu. Persons objecting for the sale or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the property as there is no claimants / objections.

: SCHEDULE :

Plot No. 130, of Bommasandra Industrial Area, situated in Sy.Nos. 96 & 97 of Hebbagodi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099, containing by admeasurement, 4,040 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded by

North by : Plot No. 122G,
South by : KIADB Road,
East by : Plot No, 129,
West by : Plot No. 131.

Shivananjaiah, Advocate
No. 333, 14th 'B' Cross, 6th Main, H.S.R. Layout, 6th Sector, Bengaluru - 560 102.
Mob.: 98455 82152 / 97405 33236

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general Public that my client Mr. P. Thyagaraja S/o Late Papaiah, residing at No.92/1, 'G' Street, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, has lost the following two original sale deeds related to immovable property situated at Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru.

1) Dated 28.01.1950 Registered as Document No. 1337/1949-50, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Civil Station, Bengaluru and

2) Dated 30.1.1964, registered as Document No.3431/1963-64 on Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Civil Station, Bengaluru, if anybody find the said sale deeds please handover to my client my client above or below named. Please note it any body enter to make any illegal acts on the- said documents that my client is not responsible to the same. Hence, this Public Notice.

DINESH, Advocate
No. 1108/C, 10th Main, 4th Cross,
Hampinagar, Vijayanagar,
Bengaluru-560104.
Mob. 98862 89449 Date: 24-08-2021

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

e-Tender Notice No. CE/PHE/2-406/WM/2021
dated : 24.08.2021

It is hereby notified that e-tender process for Procurement of Smart Water Meters has been initiated. The details can be obtained from the website **http://manipurtenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PHED Govt. of Manipur

VIJAYA BANK EMPLOYEES' HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,

#65, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, MSRS Nagar, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Off: B.G.Road, Bengaluru-560 076.Phone: 080- 41506198

NOTICE

The 40th Annual General Body meeting of the Vijaya Bank Employees' Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., for the year 2020-21, will be held on Saturday, the 11th September 2021 at 9.00AM, through Virtual Meeting (Video Conference). The details of link for the meeting will be informed in advance.

All the members are requested to participate in the meeting.

Date: 24.08.2021
Place: Bengaluru

K.Vishwanath Naik
President

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POSSESSION NOTICE

[SECTION 13(4)]
(For immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **15.10.2019** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Raju V & Ms. Saraswathy B V Jointly** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs 6,69,110.05** (Rupees Six lakhs sixty nine thousand One hundred sixty nine Thousand One hundred Ten and Ps Five only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **19th day of August, the year 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount being **Rs. 6,69,110.05** (Rupees Six lakhs sixty nine thousand One hundred sixty nine Thousand One hundred Ten and Ps Five only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available. to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property:

All that residential property bearing plot No:1 formed in residential property bearing Municipal No:90(Old No:33/1) and all the residential property bearing No:89(Old No:34), situated at Mavalli Main Road Mavalli ward no:61,Bangalore. in all measuring 1397.37 Square Feet and marked by letters "CPOFC" in the plan annexed to this deed and bounded as follows:- East by : Private property and Plot No:a West by: Plot No:2, North by : Private property, South by : Passage.

Date : 19.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Vivekananda Nagar Branch,
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(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of vivekananda nagar Bengaluru branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", " Whatever there is" and without recourse on 30.09.2021,** for recovery of **Rs.40,27,858.62** (Rs Forty lakhs twenty seven thousand eight hundred fifty eight paise sixty two only) I plus further interest from **01.05.2021** due to the **vivekananda nagar Bengaluru branch of Canara Bank from 1) M/s Sunshine Enterprises Prop. SRI Bhaskarvijaykumar** No 310, 9th main Nagendra block Banashankari Bengaluru- 560050.

The reserve price of the property is **Rs 83.84** lakhs and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is **Rs.8.39** lakhs .10% of Reserve Price of the property. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **28.09.2021 up to 5.00 PM.**

Details and full description of the property(ies): All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No 11, New No. 26/30/11, Situated at: Dubasipalya, Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri, Bangaluru BBMP Ward No. 130, Measuring East To West 51 Sq ft, North to South 30 Sq ft Total 1530 Sq ft Boundaries: East- private property, West -Road, North-site no 10, South - site no 12.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager through Vivekananda nagar Branch Bengaluru Canara Bank , Ph. No. 9448047494 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 24.08.2021

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

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E-Mail;- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287

E-Mail / E-despatch

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

0-593 Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 13-2021-22/ BPR

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Crass of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 13-2021-22/ BPR	Bridge Works under Biju Setu Yojana	06 Nos.	From Rs. 321.23 lakhs to Rs. 502.93 lakhs	"A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	11 (Eleven) & 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Additional Chief Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender /13-2021-22/BPR	26.08.2021 at 10.00 A.M.	09.09.2021 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) No EMD is required as per O.M.No. 8943 Dt. 18.03.2021 of Finance Department, Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur **OIPR- 25071/11/0013/2122**

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Office of the Executive Engineer (Transport), Room No. 110, Council Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: EE(T)/TND/01/2021-22 **Date: 24.08.2021**

E-AUCTION SALE NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal)

The Executive Engineer (Transport), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), invites sale of Scrap vehicles, parked at the Palike City Shed, J.C. Road, Bengaluru as shown in the Annexure-1 will be conducted by way of E-Auction sale. The highest rates received in the E-auction will be considered for acceptance.

E-Auction Schedule: (1) Availability of tender document: **26.08.2021** onwards. **(2)** Inspection of Scrap vehicles: Upto **31.08.2021** (during Office Hours). **(3)** Last date for participation for e-auction: **02.09.2021** upto **04:30 p.m. (4)** Online evaluation of E-auction: **03.09.2021. (5)** Live auction bidding date & time: **06.09.2021** (Starting at 10:30 a.m.). Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Transport), BBMP

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is in response to a deceitful Public Notice dated 11.08.2021 published in the Indian Express Newspaper by Advocate - M.S. Mukarram. The General Public are hereby informed that, our client, Margarine& Refined Oils Co. Ltd., Office at No.4, Pamadi Towers, 3rd Floor, Unit # 31 & 32, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009, is the absolute owner in possession of the immoveable property bearing Sy.No. 7/1 & 7/2 situated at Bogenahalli Village, Mysore Road measuring 5 Acres 8 guntas, bearing CTS No.381, bounded on the East by: Mysore Road; West by: land in Sy.No.6; North by: Idgah Land; South by: land in Sy.No.6. **THE PROPERTY IS NOT A WAKF PROPERTY.** The said property was notified as Wakf property by the Wakf Board vide Official Gazette bearing No. KBW/REG/10/BNU/97-98. The said notification was quashed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka vide its Order dated 08.09.1999 with "liberty for the Board to redo in accordance with law affording an opportunity of hearing persons interested in the land". Consequently, the Wakf Board issued a fresh Certificate of Registration dated 21.04.2003, which said that the process undertaken is in consonance with Section 36 of the Wakf Act and **that no enquiry is contemplated therein** and the Board can go ahead with the registration, but this time hearing was given in compliance of the High Court Order. It is also pertinent to mention that in the said proceedings, Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak which claims to be a 'Wakf by User' has neither furnished any documents relied on by them nor has it filed any application in accordance with law. Passed by the CEO, Wakf Board issuing Certificate of Registration to Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak vide Order dated 21.04.2003 was challenged by Margarine & Refined Oils Co. Ltd. in Application No.13/2003 before the Karnataka Wakf Tribunal wherein the Hon'ble Tribunal vide its **Order dated 17.06.2021** was pleased to set aside the Certificate of Registration dated 21.04.2003. The Order dated 17.06.2021 clearly notices that Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak does **not** qualify as '**Wakf by user**' and the Hon'ble Tribunal further declared that the order passed by the CEO was illegal and erroneous and thereby liable to be set aside. On 11.08.2021, the Advocate for Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak has issued a public notice stating that the process of re-doing the issuance of certificate of registration by the Karnataka Wakf Board on the file of KBW/MSC/14/BNU/98-99 is under progress, in respect of Wakf property Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak. Where he obtained such information is not disclosed. Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak and the officials of the Wakf Board are clearly in collusion and are attempting to fraudulently snatch the property of Margarine & Refined Oils Co. Ltd., by giving wrong boundaries to the said property. Any person dealing with the property or Nishan-e-Ghouse-Pak, or the Wakf Board will be doing so at their own risk and responsibility.

SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No.50, 10th Main, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

[(Rule-8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited,** Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **07.06.2021** calling upon the borrowers **M/s. G.V. Enterprises** having its registered office at # 17F, I Main, II Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560058 and represented by its Guarantors **Smt. Veena. R, Sri Sudhama & Sri Abhishek** all of them residing at # 9, 1st B Main Road, 6th cross, Shivanagar, West of Chord Road, Bangalore - 560010, **Smt. Jayalakshmi and Sri B.R. Srinath** residing at # 1662/3, II Cross, Ramamohanpuram, Bangalore - 560021 and **Smt. Hemamalini. R,** residing at # 2395, 7th Cross, I A Main, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560021 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 9,57,39,708/- (Rupees Nine Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight Only) as on 31.05.2021 within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **23rd day of August 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajajinagar Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 9,57,39,708/- (Rupees Nine Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight Only) as on 31.05.2021** plus further interest from 01/06/2021 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE-1: All that piece and parcel of the property which is in possession with Smt. R. Veena bearing Plot No.17-F in Sy.No. 66, Khatha No. 200, Peenya II stage, Peenya Industrial estate, II Phase, Chokkasandra Village, Yeshanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560058 measuring towards East 41.40 Mtrs., towards West 45.00 Mtrs., towards North 45.00 Mtrs. and towards South 47.00 Mtrs. in all 1969 Sq Mtrs. with building thereon and bounded on the: **East by :** Nala, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Plot No. 17-G, **South by :** Plot No. 17-E.

SCHEDULE-2: All that piece and parcel of the property which is in possession of Smt. R. Veena bearing Municipal No. 3/2-4, situated at 1st Cross, MRCR extension Ward No. 36, Govindarajnagar, PID No. 36-29-3/2-4, Bangalore measuring towards East to West 50 Feet and North to south 25 Feet in all measuring 1250 Sq.Ft. with building thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Drainage, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No.4, **South by :** Property No.6.

Date : 23-08-2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE

e-mail: - seec_bls@rediffmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No.CCEEC-09/ 2021-22
No: 4292 / Dt: 17.08.2021

B-325

Nature of work:- **Building Work**
Number of works: **01 (One) No**
Amount put to Tender:- **Rs. 278.74 Lakh**
Class of Contractor:- **"B" / "A" Class**
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal:- **Dt.24.08.2021 at 10:00 AM**
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal: - **Dt.07.09.2021 up to 05:00 PM**
Date of opening of bid : - **Dt.08.09.2021 at 11:00 AM**
Name & address of the Office inviting bid: - **Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore**

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in."** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore

OIPR - 34026/11/0009/2122

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl (R&B) 04/2121-22
Email Id-sedklpwd@gmail.com
Letter No 1480 / Dt.19.08.2021

B-331: The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed below:

1.	Name of the work	: Building works
2.	No of works	: 05 (Five) Nos.
3.	Estimated Cost	: **Rs. 2,41,49,610/- to Rs. 7,72,45,811/- (as given in column No. 03 of table)**
4.	Cost of tender paper	: Rs 10,000.00
5.	Class of contractor	: 'B', 'A' 'Special' & 'Super' (as given in column No. 06 of table)
6.	Period of Completion of work	: 11 (Eleven) to 15 (Fifteen) Calendar months (as given in column No. 07 of table)
7.	Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website	: From Dt.27.08.2021 to 16.00 hours of Dt.10.09.2021
8.	Date of opening of bid	: Dt. 13.09.2021 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Dhenkanal (R&8) Circle, Dhenkanal
OIPR- 34132/11/0006/2122

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No.CEE/TKR/SEE(O)/AEE2/3768-70 Date: 19.08.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL, invites electronic bids against **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TKRTZ/DVG-SMG/220KV-LILO/TLTB-1 Dtd:08.07.2021 for Construction of 2nd Circuit LILO of 220kV Davanagere-Shivamogga DC line to 220/66/11kV Honnali sub-station in Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District, along with Construction of 2 Nos of 220kV Terminal bays at 220/66/11kV sub-station in Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District, on Total Turnkey Basis including Supply of all matching Materials / Equipments and Erection (including civil works) of all Materials / Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.**

The Bids will be received through **e-Procurement portal only.** The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 26.08.2021.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy.,**
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, BH Road, Tumakuru. Tel: 0816-2279074

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. MYS/COMML/LVPH/06229/06230 Dated:18.08.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Name of the Work	Approx. Cost
Tender for leasing of 24 tones of Parcel Van (LVPH) in T.No.06229/06230 Mysuru-Varanasi-Mysuru on round trip basis for a period of 5 years.	Rs. 10,93,49,043.00/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 16:00 hrs. of 21.09.2021**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/155/AAV/PRB/SWR/2021-22 **Mysuru**

IN THE COURT OF XVIII ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.Mis.No.2839/2021

BETWEEN: 1) Sri.K.Prashanth Babu, S/o. Pranesh Rao, Aged about 39 years **2) Smt. Rupashree.A.V.,** W/o. K. Prashanth Babu, Aged about 38 years, Both are residing at No.5-1 Balaji Apartment, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Near KTG School, Hegganahalli Main Road, Vishwa needam Post, Bengaluru-560091. ...Petitioners

AND: The Commissioner, Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner has filed petition for obtaining on order seeking direction to above said respondent authority to enter the Death of Daughter of petitioners by name **SHREE SANNIDHI who was died on 11-04-2019 at Bapitst Hospital, Bengaluru** and accordingly obtain death Certificate from the respondent. this Hon'ble court may be pleased to permit the petitioner to publish the public notice in daily news paper Hosadigantha and Indian Express. If any person interested to file their objection in this matter, may appear **at 11.00 am on 30-08-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble XVIII ACMM, Bengaluru. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this **19th Day of August 2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Sheristedar, XVIII A.C.M.M. Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri.K.C.Sengamesh, Advocate,** No.136, 4th Cross, EWS 2nd Stage, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase all that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Sy No.69/1, measuring 1 Acre 05 Guntas, situated at Tatanur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : **East by :** Property belongs to Savithramma; **West by :** Property belongs to Ramamurthy; **North by :** Kaluve; **South by :** Road;

From its owner 1. Mr. KEMPANNA S/o. Late Sri.Byrappa, 2. Mr. BYARAPPA S/o. Mr. Kempanna, 3. Mrs. RUKAMMA W/o. Mr. Byarappa, 4. Mr. MANOHAR.S.B S/o. Mr. Byarappa, 5. Mr. MANJUNATH.T.B S/o. Mr. Byarappa, 6. Mr. K.SRINIVAS S/o. Mr. Kempanna, 7. Mrs. RADHAMMA W/o. Mr. K.Srinivas, 8. Mr. MOHAN.T.S S/o. Mr. K.Srinivas, 9. Mr. MADHAN.T.S S/o. Mr. K.Srinivas,. Persons/Financial Institutions/ Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from this date of publication to the undersigned.

R. Santhosh Kumar Associates,
Advocates, Flat No.406, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.
Mobile No. 08041718108 /9916859999.

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION, KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/1097 Dated : 23-08-2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honourable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system only

1) Name of work : **Kalaburagi -01 (Indent No -34375),** 2) Head of A/C: Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class- III & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 86,23,204/- Max 86,23,204/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 21-08-2021 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 29-08-2021 4.00pm, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : 30-08-2021 4.01pm, 9) Opening of Financial Bid : 01-09-2021 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation, Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/563/MC&A/2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

Government of Karnataka
(RURADL DEVELOPMET & PANCHAYT RAJ DEPT.)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING , DIVISION YADGIR – 585202

No.EE/PRED/YDG/TENDER/TA/KKRDB/2021-22/732 Date: 23-08-2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2ND CALL)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayt Raj Engineering Division, Yadgir here by invites separate (KW-3 Two Cover) Technical & Financial Bid Tender on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor Karnataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved Under K.K.R.D.B. FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 details as below.

Works details:- (1) CONSTRUCTION OF 7 ADDITIONAL ROOMS FOR GOVT HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PETH AMMAPUR VILLAGE IN SHORAPUR TQ. DIST. YADGIR. (Indent No. RDPR/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT83521) & CONSTRUCTION OF C.C. ROAD & DRAIN AT BACHIMATTI VILLAGE IN SHORAPUR TQ.DIST.YADGIR. (Indent No. RDPR/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT83392), 2) Amount put to Tender : Rs. 64,68,852=24 & 52,40,475=92, 3) Eligibility of Contractors : Class-1 and Above, 4) Date of Commencement of downloading of bidding document Date: 26-08-2021 to 04-09-2021, 5) Cost of Tender form and EMD : as per e-Procurement 6) Last Date to Submit bids on e-portal : Date: 04-09-2021 before 4.30 pm 7) Opening of Technical Bid : Date: 06-09-2021 after 11.00 am 8) Opening of Financial Bid : Date: 13-09-2021 after 11.00 am. 9) For more information contact Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Station Area Yadgir. 10) web site:http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-Procurement system only

Note: - Pre Bid Meeting Date 01-09-2021 at Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Office, Station Road, Yadgir.

DIP/Yadgiri/169/MC&A/2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division Yadgir.

Public Works Ports Inland & Water Transport Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, No-2, Building Division, Bangalore, 1st Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore

No. 27/2020-21 **Date:21.08.2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

Executive Engineer, No-2 Buildings Division Bangalore on behalf of Governor of Karnataka has invited item rate tender consisting of single cover and Two cover system from Registered in PWD, eligible tenderer for the work noted below as per the Karnataka transparency in Public procurement act-2000 KW-4 rules, through Karnataka Government E-Procurement portal. **The cost of tender processing amount is mentioned in E-portal.**

Name of the work: Construction of Court Hall at 4th Floor to 6th Floor above the multilevel car parking building and allied works in CMM Court premises, Nrupathunga road, Bengaluru. KPWD/2019-20/BD/Work_Indent114282/Call-3. **Amount put to tender:** Rs. 28,12,50,000.01. **EMD Amount:** Rs. 28,12,500/- (Rs. 1,00,000/- through E-payment and Rs. 27,12,500/- through Bank Guarantee). **Period of Completion (Including rainy season):** 24 Months. **Class of Contractor:** Class-I

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from: **21.08.2021 to 20.09.2021.** 2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on: **20.09.2021 before 16:00 Hrs.** 3) The tenders will be opened through e-portal on **22.09.2021 at 4.00 p.m**

For further information please visit the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this office during office hours.

DIPR/DDU/JA/1277/2021-22

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
No-2 Buildings Division, Bangalore.

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India interested in hosting 2036, 2040 Olympics: Bach

India are among a host of countries who are interested in hosting the Olympic Games in 2036, 2040 and even beyond, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach has said. India had also showed interest in hosting the 2032 Olympics, which was recently awarded to Brisbane.

SURFACE TENSION

Even though 10 days have passed since tempers flared at the Lord's Test, the tension between India and England refuses to die down. On the eve of the Leeds Test, James Anderson, who was at the centre of the verbal duel with the Indians in the second Test, opened up on his spat with Jasprit Bumrah. The whole story cut short...

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

On the third evening of the Lord's Test with England having a slender lead, Bumrah tried to rough up Anderson with deliveries aimed at his body. Anderson was hit on the helmet, rib, gloves in a 10-ball over as the England seamer didn't seem to like Bumrah's tactic to attack him with short-pitched deliveries. This episode carried on over the Test with other players also engaging in verbal duels and on Day 5, England's attack tried to give back the same treatment to Mohammed Shami and Bumrah.

'CAUGHT OFF GUARD'

On Tuesday, speaking on a BBC podcast, Anderson said: "I got caught off guard a bit because all the batters coming in were saying how slow the pitch was, when it is banged in short, it is really slow. Similarly, when I came out to bat Joe Root said Bumrah is not bowling as quick as he normally does. And then first ball was 90mph on the money, wasn't it? After that I have not felt like this, I don't think ever in my career, I felt like he wasn't trying to get me out. He bowled an over that was maybe 10, 11, 12 balls, bowling no ball after no ball, and bowling short. I think he bowled two on the stumps, which I managed to dig out."

NOT THE FIRST TIME

Test cricket's most successful fast bowler has got into a controversy with the Indians in the past too. What are they?

TUNNEL TALE

In 2014, Team India alleged that Anderson pushed all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja in the tunnel leading up to the dressing room at Trent Bridge. India even reported the issue to ICC, which charged him under Level 3 of Code of Conduct. However, England responded by saying that it was Jadeja who turned aggressively and that Anderson only acted in self-defence. With no evidence to show, ICC fined Jadeja 50 per cent of his match fee and Anderson was found not guilty. Jadeja's fine was overturned after an appeal.

WELCOME ADDRESS

In the return series in India, which the hosts won 4-0, Anderson failed to make an impact as Kohli went on to have a good series with the bat. Asked about whether Kohli has sorted out his technical issues, Anderson said, "The pace of the pitches over here just take any flaws he has out of the equation. There's not that pace in the wicket to get the nicks, like we did against him in England with a bit more movement. Pitches like this suit him down to the ground." It led to Ashwin confronting Anderson when he walked out to bat at the Wankhede.

INDIA'S TEST OF SUPREMACY

With 1-0 lead in the series, Kohli & Co look to strengthen their grip in the third Test starting today at Headingley

VIVEK KRISHNAN @ Chennai

THE second day of the third Test at Headingley in Leeds — August 26 — will mark exactly 19 years to the day since India completed a storied win over England at this venue. That heady victory in the English summer of 2002, crafted under the captaincy of Sourav Ganguly amid the heroics of Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar among others, was a turning point in changing the perception of Indian cricket for the better and remains etched in the minds of many generations of Indian cricket fans.

As Team India returns to the county of Yorkshire for a Test for the first time since then, there has been a significant transformation in Indian cricket of course. Back in 2002, Ganguly's boys were not just looking to level the series after a thrashing at Lord's but also seeking to turn over a new leaf and establish that they were a force away from home too. They managed to do that with some success — as victories at Adelaide, Johannesburg and Perth in the next few years would testify – and provided a foundation for the current bunch to build on.

India's win on the final day at Lord's last week was special alright, but such wins are no longer one-off occurrences and aren't celebrated with the grand fervour that they garnered in the past. Especially having scripted a series win for the ages against a full-strength Australia earlier this year, nothing less than a series win in England would satisfy a team that is looking to stamp its imprint all around the cricketing globe.

For that to materialise, Virat Kohli and his boys will be sensing a great opportunity at Headingley. Given that the current England team largely has fond memories of the venue — it is where Ben Stokes unleashed his pyrotechnics against Australia in the Ashes a couple of years ago — a victory for the Indians here would deflate the hosts like little else. There is no Stokes to come to England's rescue this time, nor do they have the likes of Jofra Archer and Mark Wood. It is a depleted England unit for sure, but this Indian team certainly doesn't think it would be impeded even if it was coming up against the hosts' strongest XI. "Even when the key players are playing, we think we can beat anyone in the world. We don't wait for the opposition to be weak. That's not how we play and approach every series," Kohli said.

Kohli's focus, instead, is more on the nature of the surface on offer at Leeds and the combination that will serve them best. On Tuesday, he kept his cards close to his chest. While he initially indicated there is no reason to change a winning combination, he changed tack in response to another query.

"We got no reason to change anything unless people have niggles. We haven't encountered that. Obviously, you don't want to disturb a winning combo especially when the team has celebrated an incredible win in the second Test," he said, before keeping the door open for Ashwin's inclusion. "As far as Ash goes, we are quite surprised to see how the pitch looks. I thought there will be more grass and it will be more spicy or lively. But it isn't the case. We will choose the XI also depending on what the pitch could become on the third or fourth day."

Regardless of the choice of personnel, they have all the armoury to strengthen their hold on the series and leave Headingley with a 2-0 lead. If they do so and show no mercy as frontrunners, it will also indicate how far Indian cricket has come since their previous win at Headingley 19 summers ago.

PATAUDI TROPHY AUG 4 - SEP 14

The dry conditions on offer at Leeds could possibly open the door for R Ashwin's inclusion in the Test | AP

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India have won their last two Tests played at Headingley.

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The last time India played at Leeds (2002), they fielded two spinners.

ROUND 3

The Pataudi Trophy is interestingly poised with India sitting on a 1-0 lead and three matches to go. Here is a look at what to expect in the third Test at Headingley, Leeds...

BIG CHANCE FOR INDIA

It is not often that India have a lead in an away series. This is the fourth time under Virat Kohli India have a 1-0 lead in a Test series comprising three or more matches. Apart from beating Sri Lanka in 2017, India haven't won two successive Tests on foreign soil (min 3 Tests). Leeds provides them with an opportunity.

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

They looked done and dusted at Lord's before scripting one of the most memorable wins in their history. Man for man, this team looks a better side than the hosts and if their middle-order can find some runs, they will be hard to stop. That said, irrespective of the conditions, their attack continues to pose all sorts of problems for the hosts.

TIME TO DELIVER

For England, it is simple. If they fail to beat India here, they have an uphill task ahead of them. Their batting unit doesn't inspire confidence and have made changes with Dawid Malan expected to come in at No 3. To make things worse, England will be without Mark Wood and unless James Anderson wields his magic, it is going to be hard for the hosts.

PITCH & CONDITIONS

Kohli was surprised that the pitch wasn't as spicy as they expected to be. With dry forecast in store, India will be tempted to play two spinner as the pitch is on the slower side.

Mariyappan, Kumar train alone in Tokyo

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

SIX members of the Indian Paralympics contingent, including two athletes Thangavelu Mariyappan and Vinod Kumar who came in close contact with a Covid-19 positive person in their flight to Tokyo have been placed under isolation, where they will be allowed to train. The development meant Mariyappan was replaced by Tek Chand as the flag bearer of the Indian team during the opening ceremony at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium on Tuesday.

Besides, some important arrangements had to be made for the two para athletes. The duo can continue with their training, but need to adhere to strict timings for their practice sessions in a facility, where no one will be allowed. Gurcharan Singh, India's Chef de Mission, who is also the secretary general of the Paralympic Committee of India, threw more light on the matter.

"Now, there is a strict timing for them to train. When they train, others will not be allowed. They cannot mix with others as well. In some way, it is a good thing that they will be getting exclusive facilities. We will make sure that all the strict protocols and guidelines are followed by them," Singh told this daily from Tokyo after the team's march past.

"With regards to the food, that is not going to be a problem as it will be served to them in their respective rooms. We will also dedicate a single car for them when they travel for their competitions."

It is important to mention that ever since their arrival in the village, athletes have been regularly tested. Mariyappan, Kumar and the other contingent were tested for the last six days and they had returned negative each time. On Tuesday, their RT-PCR tests were confirmed as negative too.

2016 Rio Paralympics gold medallist in high jump F42 event, Mariyappan is one of India's best bet for a medal. The man from Tamil Nadu will compete in the men's high jump T63 while Kumar will feature in discus throw F52.

India have sent their largest-ever contingent of 54 athletes for the Games, which concludes on September 5. Paddlers Sonalben Patel and Bhavina Patel will kick off India's proceedings in individual C3 and C4 events respectively Wednesday.

TOKYO PARALYMPICS, LIVE ON EUROSPORT, 12:30 PM ONWARDS

Tek Chand, India's flag-bearer at the Tokyo Paralympics, leads the contingent during the opening ceremony at the National Stadium in Tokyo on Tuesday | PTI

Games declared open

Japan's emperor declared the Tokyo Paralympics open in a nearly empty stadium on Tuesday, with athletes ready to defy stereotypes and shatter records despite a year-long pandemic delay. Emperor Naruhito made the announcement surrounded by banks of vacant multicoloured seats at Tokyo's 68,000-capacity Olympic Stadium, with virus rules banning spectators from almost all Games events. The 13-day Games, with 539 gold medals up for grabs across 22 sports, arrive two weeks after the close of an Olympics that also took place almost entirely behind closed doors over virus fears. A record 4,403 competitors from 162 teams are in Japan for the Paralympics.

AFC CUP

Bengaluru thrash Maziya S&RC

AGENCIES @ Male

BENGALURU FC ended their AFC Cup campaign with a 6-2 win over Maziya S&RC in Male on Tuesday. Udanta Singh, Cleiton Silva and Leon Augustine scored first half goals, before strikes from substitutes Sivasakthi Narayanan and Bidyashagar Singh's brace kept the Blues' lead intact after Hamza Mohamed and Asadhulla Abdulla had pulled two back for the hosts.

The Blues started the game on the front foot and broke the deadlock just six minutes with Udanta finding the back of the net. After, which there was no stopping as the Blues put up a dominant show to secure their only win of the campaign. They had lost one and drawn one before heading into this encounter. However, this result confirmed a third place finish for Bengaluru in Group D.

Sports Planet Trophy for 'A' Div Girls from Sept 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) is set to host Sports Planet Trophy for the 'A' Division Girls from September 1. Eleven clubs will feature in the competition and they are divided into two groups. It will be played in a round-robin league format. Top two from each group will join A Division, which already has three clubs.

As far as the men are concerned, with the Santosh Trophy scheduled in November, the KSFA is looking to fill some places in the squad for the state team. Keeping that in mind, the football body will organise a knockout event next month with clubs from Super Division and A Division in the mix. B and C division players will be considered too. The BDFA Super Division is scheduled to start from October 27.

BOXING

From training in public park to shot at gold

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

OVER the last few years or so Rohit Chamoli could have been spotted at a public park in Chandigarh along with other kids, carrying out boxing drills with dreams to become a champion. With his nifty footwork and pinpoint punches on Sunday, Rohit produced what he has learnt during those sessions and is now one hit away from gold. Taking part in his second fight of the Asian Junior and Youth Championships (Dubai), Rohit used his height to his advantage to see off Aidar Kadyrkhan of Kazakhstan in the light flyweight (48kg) category. "I'm really delighted," Rohit said, after registering a 5-0 victory.

The youngster, who lives with his relatives in Chandigarh, picked up the sport from his elder sister. "My sister used to box so I asked her if I could join her. That's how I began," he said.

Coming from a humble background, it is his coach, Joginder Kumar, who sowed the love for the sport in Rohit's young mind with words of encouragement over the years.

Joginder himself harboured dreams of becoming a sportsperson once upon a time but remained unfulfilled due to various reasons. But that did not extinguish his passion for sports. Joginder has been coaching Rohit and others at the Bougainvillea Garden in the city. "I have no space. I have been training there for last 10 years or so. I have no money to build an academy," Joginder, who works for Punjab Police, said. "I talk about my practice with my officers sometimes. They give me relaxations sometimes and encourage."

Bharat Joon (+81kg) also marched into the finals with a 5-0 win over Razhapov Emir-Khan of Kyrgyzstan. However, Ankush (66kg) lost by unanimous verdict against Erkinboev Fazliddin of Uzbekistan. Later, Muskan (44-46kg) matched Bharat's score to enter final in the junior girls' category. Devika Satyjit (50kg) lost against Nematova Shahina of Uzbekistan to crash out. Aarsoo (54kg) also suffered similar fate, losing by a narrow margin (3-2) against Uzbekistan's Tileubergenova Guldana. Supriya Rawat (66kg) lost to Bozorboeva Sanobar of Uzbekistan.

EXPRESS READ

Meghna, Renuka earn maiden call-ups

MUMBAI: Seam bowlers Meghna Singh and Renuka Singh Thakur were handed maiden India call-ups, while spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad returned as the BCCI named the women's teams for the one-off Test and limited over series against Australia.

Dheeraj stars with all-round show

BENGALURU: Dheeraj J Gowda came up with a solid all-round show to help Century Cricketers beat Neptune Cricket Club by five wickets in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III division U19 years inter club tournament. He scalped six wickets to dismiss Neptune for 165 runs. And while chasing, Dheeraj scored an important 66 as Century reached the target in the 26th over to emerge victorious.

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Outbreaks force US schools to halt in-person learning

80 districts in dozen states stop classes after a careless approach to Covid-19 protocols, which holds lessons for policymakers elsewhere

An anatomy class for high school students is conducted online in Georgia, US | AFP

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON: A few weeks into the new school year, growing numbers of US districts have halted in-person learning or switched to hybrid models because of rapidly mounting coronavirus infections.

More than 80 school districts or charter networks have closed or delayed in-person classes for at least one entire school in more than a dozen states. Others have sent home whole grade levels or asked half their students to stay home on hybrid schedules.

The setbacks in mostly small, rural districts that were among the first to return dampen US' hopes for a sustained, widespread return to classrooms after two years of schooling disrupted by the pandemic.

In Georgia, where in-person classes are on hold in more than 20 districts that started the school year without mask requirements, some superintendents say the virus appeared to be spreading in schools before they sent students home.

"We just couldn't manage it with that much staff out, having to cover classes and the spread so rapid," said Eddie Morris, superintendent of the 1,050-student Johnson County district in Georgia. With 40% of students in quarantine or isolation, the district shifted last week to online instruction until Sept. 13.

Hopes dashed

More than 1 of every 100 school-aged children has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past two weeks in Georgia, according to state health data published Friday. Children age 5 to 17 are currently more likely to test positive for COVID-19 than adults.

Before the latest virus resurgence, hopes were high that schools nationwide could approach normalcy, moving beyond the stops and starts of remote learning that interfered with some parents' jobs and impaired many students' academic performance.

Most epidemiologists say they still believe that in-person school can be conducted safely, and that it's important considering the academic, social and emotional damage to students since the pandemic slammed into schools early in 2020.

In some cases, experts say, the reversals reflect a careless approach among districts that acted as if the pandemic were basically over.

Dr. Tina Tan and others say that means not just masks in schools but a push for vaccination, social distancing, ventilation and other precautions, providing multiple layers of protection.

Mask up

The outbreaks are is driving changes in mask policies. Weeks before school started, only a handful of large districts covering fewer than a quarter of students across Georgia were requiring face coverings. Now, mask mandates cover more than half of students.

Part of the mask policy change is driven by a shift in US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance. The CDC now advises that when everyone is wearing masks, exposed students 3 feet or more apart don't have to be sent home if they're not showing symptoms.

Angela Williams, the superintendent in Burke County, Georgia, said she believes masks and that rule will allow her 4,200-student district n to avoid further disruptions after its two-week shutdown.

"That is going to cut down on the number of students we're having to quarantine."

> **People should realize it's (Covid-19) not over. It's a real problem, a real public health issue. You have to do everything to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the school**
>
> Dr. Tina Tan, a Northwestern University medical professor who chairs the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Infectious Diseases

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

What remains of The World

Barely five kilometres off the coast of Dubai is a group of 300 man-made islands that mimic the shape of the landmass on Earth – The World Islands. The project was designed with the ultra-rich in mind, but over the years nature has taken its toll, eroding the islands so much that the resemblance to the world map is lost. And though these islands are touted as eco-friendly by the developers, the claim has been questioned by environmentalists. We take a look

$14 BN
COST OF "THE WORLD"

$7 MN-$35 MN
Price at which islands of The World are sold

321 MN
CUBIC METERS OF SAND
pumped into the islands, about the volume of 150 Major League Baseball stadiums covering 20 miles² on the Persian Gulf

TIMELINE OF PROMINENT EVENTS

2003
Project conceived by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Maktoum

2005
More than 50% of sand dredging completed

2006
F1 champion Michael Schumacher presented with one island

2008
70 per cent of "The World" reportedly sold in total

2013
Plans to connect the islands by road

2014
Major construction progress in the island named "The Heart of Europe"

WHO OWNS "THE WORLD"?
By 2008, 60 per cent of the islands were sold to private players

IS ISLAND BUILDING ROCKET SCIENCE?
No. The seabed is scrapped down to the bedrock and boulders are piled up and covered with layers of sand. Finally, concrete is ringed around the island

RAISON D'ETRE OF THESE BLOBS OF SAND
Majority of such islands elsewhere are constructed either for the ultra-rich or for military purposes. Be it the pair of Dutch-designed islands in Panama or Chinese Pheonix, Ocean Flower or Ruyi islands

By 2016, only nine of the group of 300 islands had been developed

OTHER PROBLEMS
Aesthetics apart, infrastructural problems abound. There is a lack of relaiable power source for the archipelago, whose projects are rumoured to be sites of money laundering

WHO ELSE ARE BUILDING THESE FLOATING ISLANDS?

ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF "THE WORLD"
The developers boast that the islands provide a habitat for the sea creatures. However, this has been termed as greenwash by environmentalists. They point to the loss of marine habitat, coral reefs, oyster beds, fields of sea grass and introduction of destructive species

Pegasus hack circumvents Apple security

TECHNOLOGY

SAN FRANCISCO: Nine activists from Bahrain had their iPhones hacked by advanced spyware made by the Israeli company NSO Group, the world's most infamous hacker-for-hire firm, a cybersecurity watchdog has reported.

Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto said NSO Group's Pegasus malware successfully hacked the phones between June 2020 and February 2021. Those reportedly hacked included members of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights and two political dissidents living in exile. At least one of the activists lived in London when the hacking occurred, Citizen Lab said.

Citizen Lab said it has "high confidence" that at least four of the activists were hacked by the Bahraini government, which has a history of using commercially available spyware.

Citizen Lab found that in some instances the malware infected targeted iPhones without the users taking any action — what's known as a zero-click vulnerability.

Bill Marczak of Citizen Lab said the exploits worked against a recent versions of the iPhone's operating system, adding that there's "no indication that the bugs exploited have been fixed."

More importantly, the hacks are overcoming a new software security feature in versions of iOS 14, called BlastDoor, which is supposed to guard against device hacking, TechCrunch reported.

Ivan Krsti, head of Apple Security Engineering and Architecture, said such attacks are costly and often have a short shelf life. "They are not a threat to the overwhelming majority of our users".

Thais legalise plant-based drug kratom

MEDICINE

BANGKOK: Thailand on Tuesday decriminalised kratom, a tropical leaf long used as a herbal remedy but which some health regulators around the world have criticised as potentially unsafe.

Kratom *Mitragyna speciosa* is part of the coffee family, used for centuries in Southeast Asia and Papua New Guinea for its pain-relieving and mildly stimulating effects.

It has become increasingly popular in the United States, where the FDA has warned against its use, citing risks of addiction and abuse.

The change to Thai law means "the general public will be able to consume and sell kratom legally", a government spokesman said.

Kratom stimulates the same brain receptors as morphine, though with much milder effects, and in Thailand it is mainly used in the deep south. It has not been subject to international restrictions, though the World Health Organization announced last month that it was examining whether kratom should be considered for control.

Covid lab leak can't be ruled out: US NIH

SCIENCE

WASHINGTON: The novel coronavirus disease likely developed naturally -- jumping from an animal to humans, while the possibility of a leak is still not out of doubt, the director of the US National Institutes of Health has said.

It is still unknown if the virus leaked out of a Wuhan lab, Dr Francis Collins was quoted as saying in an CNBC nterview on Monday.

Collins said the possibility that scientists at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China were secretly studying the virus and that it leaked out from there cannot be not ruled out.

"The vast evidence from other perspectives says no, this was a naturally occurring virus," he said. "Not to say that it could not have been under study secretly at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and got out of there, we don't know about that. But the virus itself does not have the earmarks of having been created intentionally by human work."

WHO chief Tedros has proposed a second phase of studies in Wuhan, undermining his own organisation's finding that a lab leak was "extremely unlikely".

ROWING TO SAFETY

Children use a makeshift raft to cross a flood-affected area after monsoon rains in the Morigaon district of Assam | PTI

Galapagos sees surge in citizen science

GENETICS

GALAPAGOS island residents have been hired and trained to sample the genetic diversity in the small island chain that inspired Darwin in his description of evolution.

The Barcode Galapagos Project uses local gathers and processes tiny samples in DNA sequencing machines set up in three laboratories on the islands. They search the soil and dip into the sea for samples left by the islands' plants and animals, large to microscopic.

The samples are run through the machines to determine DNA sequences, producing barcode identifiers or fingerprints of species that can be compared with similar samples from elsewhere.

"We are making a genetic catalog of the biodiversity of the Galapagos. We want to obtain the genetic signature of the species of the Galapagos and quantify the variation of each one due to the geographical isolation in which they are found," said Diego Ortiz, manager of the project. Researchers said 30% to 40% of the species they've found so far don't match any others elsewhere.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Carbon-neutral container ships

CLIMATE

Danish shipping giant AP Moller-Maersk said Tuesday it was speeding up plans for an environment-friendly fleet with the order of eight carbon-neutral container vessels, a pioneering project in the highly-polluting industry. Maersk said in a statement that it will introduce the "groundbreaking" ocean-going vessels, capable of operating on carbon-neutral methanol, in the first quarter of 2024. The ships, built by Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) and equipped with dual fuel engines, will each be able to transport 16,000 containers, and will account for about three per cent of the company's fleet. According to Maersk, the new ships will enable the company to reduce its annual CO2 emissions by about one million tonnes.

Russia delays lunar mission

SPACE

Russia revealed Tuesday that it postponed its first mission to the moon's surface in decades as a result of "problems" encountered during tests of the Luna-25 spacecraft. The country's space agency Roscosmos announced last week that the mission from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in the Far East had been moved to May 2022. The Luna-25 mission to the Moon's south pole aims to probe ice deposits there. It is set to be Russia's first mission to the moon's surface in 45 years and the first in its post-Soviet history. The chief engineer of Russia's state NPO Lavochkin design bureau explained the delay Tuesday saying that "more time" was needed to complete successful trials.

VIRTUAL PARTNER

Popular chatbot creates AI-driven emotional bonds with users

TECHNOLOGY

BEIJING: After a painful break-up with her ex, Beijing-based human resources manager Melissa was introduced to someone new by a friend.

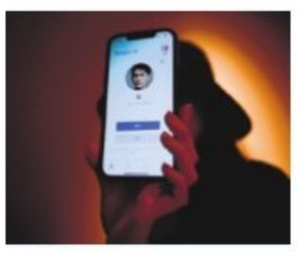
He replies to her messages at all hours, tells jokes but is never needy, fitting seamlessly into her busy city lifestyle.

Perfect boyfriend material, maybe — but he's not real. Instead, Melissa breaks up the isolation of urban life with a virtual chatbot created by XiaoIce, an artificial intelligence system designed to create emotional bonds with its 660 million users worldwide.

"When I unload my troubles on XiaoIce, it relieves a lot of pressure. And he says things that are pretty comforting," said 26-year-old Melissa.

XiaoIce is not an individual persona, but more like an AI ecosystem. It is in the vast majority of Chinese-branded smartphones as a Siri-like virtual assistant, as well as most social media platforms.

On the WeChat super-app, it lets users build a virtual girlfriend or boyfriend and interact with them via texts, voice and photo messages. It has 150 million users in China alone.



Originally a side project from developing Microsoft's Cortana chatbot, XiaoIce now accounts for 60 percent of global human-AI interactions by volume, according to chief executive Li Di, making it the largest and most advanced system of its kind worldwide.

It was designed to hook users through lifelike conversations, satisfying emotional needs where real-life communication too often falls short. "After all, XiaoIce will never betray me," Melissa said. "He will always be there."

The startup spun out from Microsoft last year and is now valued at over $1 billion after venture capital fundraising, Bloomberg reported.

Li says the platform's peak user hours — 11pm to 1am — point to an aching need for companionship. "No matter what, having XiaoIce is always better than lying in bed staring at the ceiling," he said.

But there are risks to forging bonds with a robot. "Users 'trick' themselves into thinking their emotions are being reciprocated by systems," says Danit Gal, an expert in AI ethics at the University of Cambridge. XiaoIce is also gifting developers "a treasure-trove of personal, intimate, and borderline incriminating data on how humans interact," she added.

So far the platform has not been targeted by regulators, who have embarked on a crackdown on China's tech sector in recent months.

Giant tortoises are bird killers?

NATURE

A giant tortoise was filmed in Seychelles stalking and devouring a tern chick, shocking the scientists involved in the discovery. "It's totally surprising and rather horrifying," Justin Gerlach, an island ecologist at Peterhouse, Cambridge in England, told *The New York Times*. "The tortoise is deliberately pursuing this bird and kills it, and then eats it. So yeah, it's hunting." These gentle giants were thought to be herbivorous and believed to have shaped their ecosystems. However, a recent study in the journal *Current Biology* throws light on how huge reptiles could supplement their vegetarian diet with non-vegetarian food. The tortoises usually eat by sticking its tongue out and drawing its food into its mouth but here it is seen with retracted tongues and closed eyes, thereby showing that it is aware of a certain danger associated with the hunting of a bird.

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DAY'S DIARY

The telescope arrives

Galileo Galilei, the Italian philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician, demonstrated his first telescope to Venetian lawmakers, on this day in 1609

MAN BEHIND THE SCIENCE

After hearing about a similar invention in the Netherlands earlier that year, he figured out the science behind it and made his own three-powered spyglass from lenses

WHAT ENSUED

In 1609, Galileo began observing the heavens with instruments that magnified up to 20 times. This allowed him to propose the heliocentric theory

A TRIBUTE

In 2009, the Galileoscope, a mass-produced, low-cost educational 2-inch (51 mm) telescope with relatively high quality was released

Drishya 2 will release in theatres

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Following the smashing performances of Indian athletes at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, coaching centres in the city are inundated with enquiries from enthusiastic parents who are keen to get their child enrolled in sports

Swift move

Indian Women's Hockey team

SANATH PRASAD

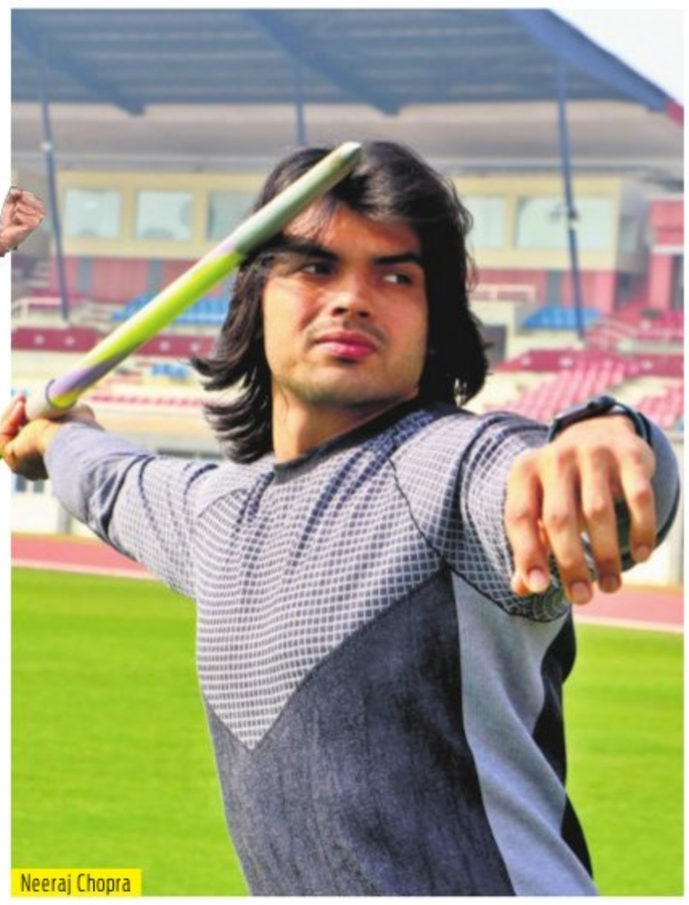
WHILE the world was cheering ace badminton player PV Sindhu's performance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Bengaluru-based IT professional Ashwini Srinivas, was busy finding out where her son could begin training in the sport. "I was so inspired by those back-to-back medals that Sindhu was winning. Which is why I enrolled my 11-year-old son, Avaneesh, for badminton training in July, during the course of the Olympics itself. Ten of my friends followed suit with their children," Srinivas says, adding that apart from winning a medal, sports is important to keep fitness in check, especially during this looming health crisis.

The lockdown due to the pandemic may have kept many young sports enthusiasts indoors for the last one-and-a-half years. But now, post the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Bengaluru-based sports and training centres are witnessing an increase in the number of enquiries for coaching. Sports trainers find a spike in queries for hockey, track and field, and badminton after India won the medals in these disciplines.

AK Abhinav, a sports conditioning coach, shares that there has been a three-fold increase in the number of parents wanting to enroll their kids for track and field which include running, jumping, throwing, among others. "Track and field events offer overall physical development. Parents have approached me personally about this. Children are coming to Kanteerava Stadium where I conduct sessions. There's been a sudden surge in the last two weeks," says Abhinav.

PV Sindhu

With PV Sindhu winning a silver at the 2016 Rio Olympics, followed by a bronze at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the craze for badminton has just soared, claims Mohit Kamat, chief coach and founder of Mohit Kamat High Performance Badminton Academy. "I received over 40 enquiries last week. Most of them are parents of girls who want their child to become a champion. However, besides winning a medal, it is equally important to ensure that there is an ecosystem for sports athletes... for them to create an identity and overcome situational challenges ahead of them," says Kamat.



Neeraj Chopra

While the world cheered the hockey teams as they put their best foot forward at the Olympics, here in Bengaluru, Josephine Sequeira, programme manager and volunteer at Jude Felix Hockey Academy, says that although the charitable trust has shut its training facility due to the pandemic, there has been an increase in the enquiries for women's hockey training. "Following the men and women hockey teams's historic moments at the Olympics, we have been getting over six to seven calls every week for training. Many of them are calling from different parts of India as well, with more interest in hockey training for women," says Sequeira, adding that they are working out the logistics of reopening after getting an overwhelming response. "But we were weighing the pros and cons owing to the Covid scenario," she says.

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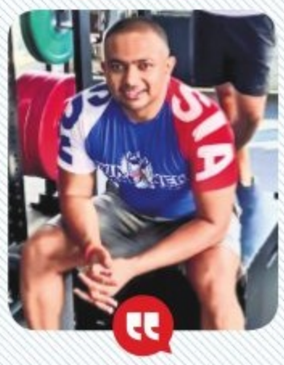
Ashwini Srinivas, IT professional



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AK Abhinav, sports conditioning coach

AFTER HOURS

Even when he's not performing a surgery, Dr Antony Robert Charles is busy suturing ice cream sticks, toothpicks and buttons for his miniature ships

Sailing along

ANILA KURIAN

AS a paediatric surgeon, Dr Antony Robert Charles' schedule is unpredictable, with no idea of what the day holds. In the midst of this, there's one thing that remains constant, his miniature ship-building activity. A hobby that started eight years ago after his team and he from St John's Hospital went to Andaman and Nicobar Islands as part of the tsunami relief effort, Charles now finds solace in building these ships from scratch. "I suppose being there and seeing everything we did on the Islands is what inspired me to come back and want to learn how to make the ships on my own. The conventional way would have been to buy the kits and fix it like a jigsaw puzzle, but I wanted to create something with my own hands," says the doctor, who currently practices with Kindersurge.

Ice cream sticks, toothpicks and coffee mixers, none of these are discarded as they come in handy for his activity. "I even use buttons which my wife endlessly complains about," he says, with a laugh. As part of his collection, he's built a monogram ship, a bireme one, a Viking warship, a Chinese ship and the Indian Navy's INS Rajput. "The Rajput one is what we travelled in when we were on the Islands. When I came back, I sat down with a retired captain of the ship, who had its professional model, and he gave me pointers on building it."

Unfortunately, a couple of years ago, Charles' collection was stolen from his office. "It took me three years to recover from that, but I guess that's the human strength there – you have to move on. I am now remaking all of them and calling it the 2.0 version. These ones are so much better than what I had made earlier," he adds.

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Dr Antony Robert Charles, paediatric surgeon

After his busy schedule at the hospital, he returns home to work on the ships till 3 am, or as he says, "till my wife shouts at me to close everything and come to sleep". Beyond a mere passtime, Charles finds this activity extremely therapeutic, something that has helped him through phases of depression and addiction. His son, Jonathan Charles, built a miniature ship once but the doctor understands that it's not exactly of his son's area of interest. "I remember reading about a US-based study which showed that surgeons who stayed productive and found an identity outside their surgical space lived longer. That's when I began to explore more," Charles says.

Ultimately, Charles wants to have a fleet of ships in his kitty. He gives some of his works to close friends but doesn't plan to make it a commercial affair. "The materials are easy to get these days. And I'm doing this because it calms me and keeps me focused. I'm working on three of them at a time and I will add more to my list. It brings me immense joy to see it all come together," he signs off.

CITY READ

Artisans Bazaar in city

Grand Flea Market in association with Chittara, is organising the Artisans Bazaar at Chitrakala Parishath till August 29. With 80 stalls, visitors can shop for a wide range of arts and crafts, clothing, jewellery, home décor, furniture and handicrafts products from exhibitors across India.

School toppers

Although the ICSE examinations were cancelled, the board assessed the students on their performances in classes 9 and 10. The toppers of Amara Jyothi English School are: Devasandra, KR Puram: Priyadarshan I K (96.40%), Sharanya M (96.00%), Nidhi G (95.80%), Keerthana G N (95%), Reshikanth S (94.60%), Likhit K G (94.20%), Monisha Dharmalinga M (94.20%), Vaishnavi K (93.80%) Sai Amarnath G (93.20%), and Charan Reddy (93%).

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

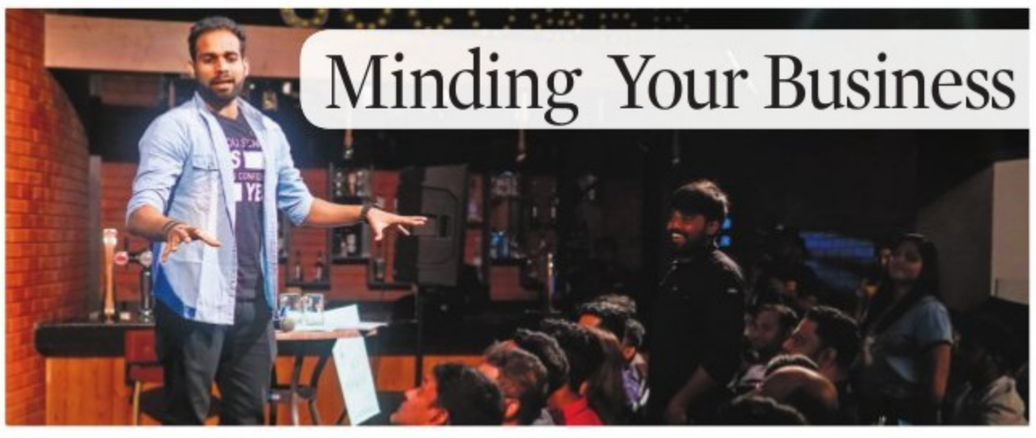
Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

1. Much before Bengaluru was founded, there were settlements around the city. One such settlement was referred to as 'Tombalur' or 'Desimanikkapattanam' in some Tamil inscriptions. What is the place today known as?
2. Name the bustling residential suburb towards the north of Bengaluru which was referred to as 'Ilaipakka Nadu' during the Cholas rule?
3. Jumma Masjid on the OPH road in the Shivajinagar area was built in the early 1800s. The granite pillars in the mosque were brought from the razed palace of Tipu Sultan in Srirangapatna. Expand OPH.

Whether it's figuring out your phone's passcode or revealing the name of your childhood crush, this mind-reader can guess them all

Minding Your Business



SANATH PRASAD

AT a time when it is hard to understand what's going on in the minds of people, here is 30-year-old **Narpath Raman** who makes that sound easy-peasy. From figuring out your phone's passcode to revealing the name of the person you are thinking about, Raman is full of tricks and surprises. Raman, who stumped the cricketing legend MS Dhoni by revealing his first crush's name, is now embarking on a new journey to introduce the first mentalist series on OTT. "It will be a blend of fiction and non-fiction factors. I have been talking to the top OTT platforms for the last six months and the series could be a chat show or a documentary that explores the world of mind reading. I will try to be the pioneer in this format," says Raman, who started mind reading after he quit his IT job in March 2013, much against his parent's wish.

Interestingly, Bengaluru has opened an avenue for him to hone his skills. Although he is a mechanical engineering graduate, he ventured into being a 'street mentalist' to 'educate', 'empower' and 'entertain'. "In 2013, I started performing magic with cards on the streets of Koramangala and Jayanagar. I used to wake up early in the morning and randomly approach people at shopping malls and read their minds and surprise them. I've been thrown out of malls several times, and from a cafe too, which equated my work to black magic," says Raman, who draws inspiration from an English mentalist Derren Brown.

He worked and learnt the tricks of mind reading from extensively watching the videos of different mind readers and mentalists across the globe. He spent two years performing in the streets of Bengaluru and later went on to pursue this as a serious business. "My first mind-reading show was at Rangasthala Auditorium at MG Road. To my surprise, there were 140 people who turned up for the show, although the seating capacity was just 130," says Raman who then went on to perform at cafes, corporate offices and celebrity shows. Some of the celebrities he stunned using his mind-reading skills are actors Sai Pallavi, Gouri Kishan and Ritu Varma.

Raman also started mind-reading tutorials when the lockdown set-in due to the pandemic. "Earlier, I shied away from teaching mind reading to people because these are tricks of the trade. But with social gatherings restricted during the lockdown, I felt that I had to think outside the box," says Raman, who also has a YouTube channel by the name 'The next door mind reader'.

While Raman has encountered several naysayers along the way, he feels that a mentalist is an actor who plays the role of a mentalist. "Beyond that, it's upto the people to decide if they want to believe in it or not," says Raman.

WRITING COURSE

Join the online course conducted by the legendary Ruskin Bond where he will guide the participants, leading them to the path of being a good writer.
When: Aug 28-31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

PAINTING WORKSHOP

If you are fond of ancient paintings, then here's a good opportunity to participate in the Gond Painting Workshop and learn the art. This ancient art form of Gond paintings is a true reflection of India's rich artistic heritage.
When: Aug 26 **Details:** insider.com

ONLINE GUITAR CLASSES

Learn the guitar online with Ultimate Beginner Guitar Master-class. You can learn the tips and tricks to play the instrument with ease and confidence.
When: Till Aug 31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

CLEAN SKIN

If you are facing skin problems and are looking for a solution, then enroll yourself to Pimples and Skin Problem Pe Fullstop. Get dedicated help on pimples and skin related issues. All important facts on how to keep your skin healthy is covered. Nutrition and medicines will be discussed.
When: Aug 26 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

LISTEN TO MULTIFACETED ARTIST **SHARAT R PRABHATH** AS HE SHARES HARIKATHAS **WHEN:** AUG 29 **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Learn Pencil Sketching

If your child is interested to learn pencil sketching, try this workshop out. Pencil sketching will allow your child to explore their art and craft skills. The lessons will include pencil shading, blending textures, pencil gripping, controlling edges and many more. All these will help students to develop a flair in pencil sketching.
When: Aug 26 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Virtual Cooking Class

UBS- Virtual Cooking Class will teach you how to prepare a simple and elegant meal that is sure to impress and satisfy. In this event, you can learn to make clams with marinara over spaghetti and other mouth-watering dishes.
When: Aug 30 **Details:** allevents.in

Resin Art Workshop

Comb and Assorted Pendants Resin Art Workshop by the Drawing Room is an online event where instructors teach you to make DIY resin accessories, which include 15 different types of pendants that can be used for earrings or keychains.
When: Aug 29 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

GK for Kids

It is an online event for kids aged between 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 years. This event includes important and interesting facts about the topic of the day along with related activities like storytelling, sensory activities, fine and gross motor activities, songs, games, art and craft.
When: Aug 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Art Workshop

Gond art is rooted in folk tales and culture. These paintings depict almost every aspect of the tribe's lives. It's workshop by The Circle Community, an online guided session that aims to teach the art to its participants. **When:** Aug 25 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Musical Words

Music and Poetry open mic is an offline event happening at the Circular Square, Doddakalansandra. This event encourages people who are musically talented or those penning their own poems, to come forward and take on the spotlight. **When:** Aug 28 **Detail:** insider.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPAGHETTI IN PINK SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

- **Spaghetti** ■ **Garlic cloves:** 15
- **Milk:** 1 1/2 cup
- **Onion:** 1, finely chopped
- **Red chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Maida:** 2 tsp ■ **Salt**
- **Coriander** ■ **Ketchup:** 2 tsp
- **Chipotle sauce:** 2 tsp
- **Fresh cream:** 2 tsp
- **Cheese:** 1 cup (mozzarella, parmesan and cheddar)

METHOD

- Boil the pasta in water, add some salt to it.
- Add 2 tsp of ghee in a pan, sauté onion and garlic.
- Add milk and fresh cream. For a thick consistency, add 2 tsp of maida. Add your choice of cheeses (1 cup of each variety). Stir the sauce regularly.
- Add the red chilli powder, salt, chipotle sauce and coriander.
- Add the pasta to the sauce and give it a good mix.
- Serve it with some parmesan cheese and garlic bread.

— Mahathi Reddy, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

TULADANDASANA

(BALANCING STICK POSE)

In Sanskrit, tula means 'balance', danda means 'stick' or 'staff' and asana means 'pose.' This is an advanced balancing asana which requires stability, focus and core strength. It improves memory, concentration and energy, as well as reduces anxiety and calms the mind. It stimulates the Sahasrara (crown) chakra, thereby providing a connection to the Universe and a oneness with the Divine. Activating this chakra brings ego-free serenity, inner peace and joy. It is very important for your body as many of the problems relating to your heart can be improved.

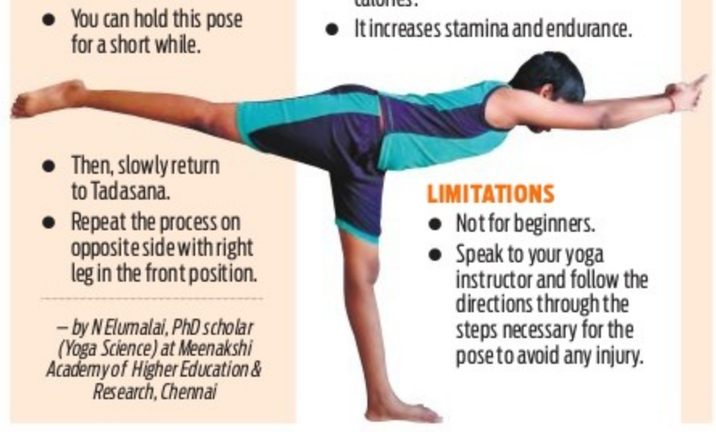
STEPS

- First of all, you can start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- After that, you can inhale and lift the arms towards the sky.
- Now, clasp the hands with the index fingers pointing toward the sky.
- Then, with your left foot, step forward.
- Now, transfer all your body weight slowly onto the left foot as you begin raising the right foot off the ground and come down so arms, head, chest, everything is parallel to the floor, focus on keeping the spine straight throughout.
- While being parallel to the floor, draw the belly in, chin forward and breathe.
- You can hold this pose for a short while.
- Then, slowly return to Tadasana.
- Repeat the process on opposite side with right leg in the front position.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the heart by forcing it to pump faster and improve blood circulation and it can clear blocked arteries.
- This can help those with varicose veins. It is good for the liver, pancreas and spleen.
- This pose helps to relieve spinal stress. Improves flexibility in the shoulders, hips and hamstrings.
- This increases strength in the legs, arms, back, shoulders and core muscles.
- It opens up the chest and lungs. If you perform it with the right breathing sequence, it can improve your lung capacity and prevent pulmonary infections.
- It helps to stimulate abdominal lungs.
- It reduces anxiety by calming the nervous system. This pose improves memory, stability and balance.
- It is more helpful to stretch the spinal column. This pose helps in burning calories.
- It increases stamina and endurance.



LIMITATIONS

- Not for beginners.
- Speak to your yoga instructor and follow the directions through the steps necessary for the pose to avoid any injury.

SOUND BOARD

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Jay Shetty's purpose is to make wisdom go viral. He has fascinating conversations with the most insightful people in the world, and on this podcast, he shares those conversation with you. New episodes Mondays and Fridays.
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Each week co-stars and best friends, Jenna Fischer and Angela Kinsey, will break down an episode of 'The Office' and give exclusive behind the scene stories that only two people who were there, can tell you.
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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADHYAKSHA
Chandru and Aishwarya, two classmates, assist each other during difficult times in their lives. However, trouble begins when they end up falling in love with each other.
- Cast: Sharan, Chikkanna

TARAK
Tarak moves to India after his parents' deaths and soon falls in love with Meera, a kind and selfless woman. However, their relationship soon hits a rough patch.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Devaraj

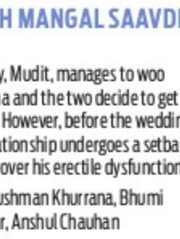
GOOGLY
Sharath and Swathi meet in Bangalore and fall in love but due to misunderstandings, they drift apart. However, a few years later, destiny brings them face to face at a friend's wedding.
- Cast: Yash, Kirti Kharbanda

KIRATHAKA
Nandisha, a gambler and drinker, falls in love with Nethra, who belongs to a rival village. He then decides to elope with her but has to deal with the rivalry between their communities.
- Cast: Yash, Oviya

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

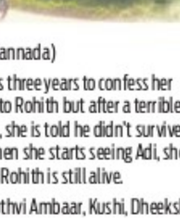
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A PLAYFUL EXPLORATION OF GENDER PERFORMANCE
BY JO MICHAEL REZES
From the stage to everyday life, theatre educator Jo Michael Rezes studies queer identity and the spectrum of gender performance - in its success and failure. Rezes explores the freeing potential of playing with gender to better understand ourselves and the places we inhabit.



2 HOW WE CAN HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD A BETTER FUTURE
BY HENRIETTA FORE
A massive generation of young people is about to inherit the world, and it's the duty of everyone to give them a fighting chance for their futures, says UNICEF executive director enrietta Fore. She explores the crises facing them and details an ambitious new global initiative which aims to ensure every young person is in school, training or employed by 2030.

3 HOW INDIA'S LOCAL RECYCLERS COULD SOLVE PLASTIC POLLUTION
BY MANI VAJIPEY
Entrepreneur Mani Vajipey discusses his work to organise kabadiwalas efforts into a collection system to ending plastic pollution and show the rest of the world how to do it, too.



4 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN NGO ADMITS FAILURE
BY DAVID DAMBERGER
David Damberger analyses his own engineering failure in India and calls for his friends in the development sector to publicly admit, scrutinise and learn from their missteps.

5 THE ANCIENT INGENUITY OF WATER HARVESTING
BY ANUPAM MISHRA
With wisdom and wit, Anupam Mishra talks about the amazing feats of engineering built centuries ago by the people of India's Golden Desert to harvest water. These ancient aqueducts and stepwells are still used today and are often superior to modern water megaprojects.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KAITHI (Tamil)
Dilli, an ex-convict, endeavours to meet his daughter for the first time after leaving the prison. However, his attempts are interrupted due to a drug raid planned by Inspector Bejoy.
Cast: Karthi, Black Shep Deepthi, Arjun Das
- Watch on: Disney + Hotstar

KAPPELA (Malayalam)
A young woman falls in love with a man after dialling his number by mistake. However, when she visits his city to meet him, a stranger named Roy enters her life.
Cast: Anna Ben Nayaramba, Roshan Mathew, Sreenath Bhasi
- Watch on: Netflix

ROBERRT (Kannada)
Raghava lives with his son and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He lives peacefully, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well until some skeletons tumble out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.
Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Asha Bhat, Sonal Monteiro
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PSYCHO (Tamil)
When Dahini, a radio jockey, is kidnapped by a psychopath, her lover, Gautham, fails to save her due to his blindness. Later, he sets out to rescue her in time with a former police officer's help.
Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Udhayanidhi Stalin, Nithya Menen
- Watch on: Netflix

ANGREZI MEDIUM (Hindi)
Though Champak initially disapproves, he eventually does everything in his power while going through a series of hilarious mishaps to fulfil his daughter's dream of going to London to study further.
Cast: Radhika Modan, Irrfan Khan, Ananya Pandey
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SHUBH MANGAL SAAVDHAN (Hindi)
A shy boy, Mudit, manages to woo Sugandha and the two decide to get married. However, before the wedding, their relationship undergoes a setback as they discover his erectile dysfunction.
Cast: Ayushman Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar, Anshul Chauhan
- Watch on: Google Play Movies

DIA (Kannada)
Dia takes three years to confess her feelings to Rohith but after a terrible accident, she is told he didn't survive. Later, when she starts seeing Adi, she finds out that Rohith is still alive.
Cast: Pruthvi Ambaar, Kushi, Dheekshith Shetty
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

LA LA LAND (ENGLISH)
Sebastian and Mia are drawn together by their common desire to do what they love. But as success mounts, they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.
Cast: Emma Stone, Ryan Gosling, John Legend
- Streaming: Netflix

THE PLATFORM (SPANISH)
In the future, prisoners housed in vertical cells watch as inmates in the upper cells are fed while those below starve.
Cast: Alexandra Masangkay, Ivan Massague and Zorion Egulleor
- Streaming: Netflix

THE MITCHELLS VS. THE MACHINES (ENGLISH)
As Young Katie and her family plans to bond with each other, they soon get interrupted when the world's electronic devices come to life to stage an uprising.
With the help from two friendly robots, the Mitchells come together to save one another and the planet from the new technological revolution.
Cast: Abbi Jacobson, Michael Rianda and Danny Mc-Bride
- Streaming: Netflix

THE INTOUCHABLES (FRENCH)
A Parisian aristocrat, quadriplegic since a paragliding accident, hires a young man to be his live-in caretaker. Although very different, the two men bond and develop a close friendship.
Cast: Omar Sy, Francois Cluzet and Audrey Fleurot
- Streaming: YouTube

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Voot: ₹ 299 per year

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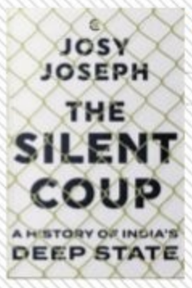
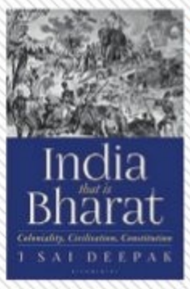


THE SILENT COUP

Author: Josey Joseph

No of pages: 320

Josy Joseph investigates this decline and comes away with a key insight: that the process of confronting militancy has warped the system. As insurgencies erupted across India and grew increasingly more sophisticated in the 1980s and '90s, the security establishment struggled to keep up. Increasingly overwhelmed, the police forces, intelligence agencies, federal investigation agencies, tax departments, and the like came up with ingenious-at times sinister-solutions: from faking and framing evidence to staging massive terror attacks and even creating terrorist organisations. Over time, militancy became a flourishing, multifaceted business enterprise.

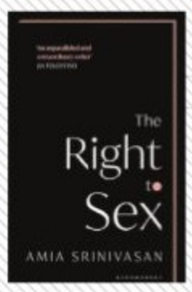


INDIA, THAT IS BHARAT

Author: J Sai Deepak

No of pages: 484

India, that is Bharat is a book that examines through a decolonial lens, whether Bharat's constitutional journey is informed by European 'coloniality', which affects its relationship with the indic-civilizational worldview.

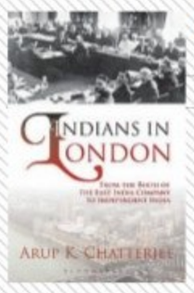


THE RIGHT TO SEX

Author: Amia Srinivasan

No of pages: 241

Searching, trenchant, and extraordinarily original, *The Right to Sex* is a landmark examination of the politics and ethics of sex in this world, animated by the hope of a different one. This book is a landmark that provides us with a new way of thinking about sex, from one of the most exciting and important young intellectuals at work today.



INDIANS IN LONDON

Author: Arup K Chatterjee

No of pages: 570

In September 1600, Queen Elizabeth and London were made to believe that the East India Company will change England's fortunes, forever. With William Shakespeare's death, the heart of Albion starts throbbing with four centuries of an extraordinary Indian settlement that Arup K Chatterjee christens as Typogravia.

TURNING PAGES

'I'M A HOPELESS INTROVERT'

Hailing from a conservative south Indian family to growing up in Ludhiana, Raghava Rao, CFO, Amazon India, recalls his childhood days

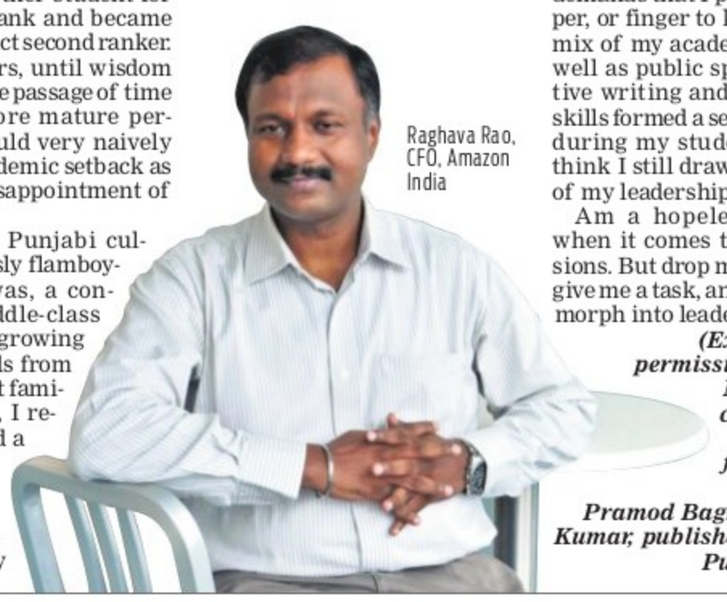
WHEN I was two years old, my father's job led us to relocate to Ludhiana in Punjab. Picture us, a middle-class south Indian family in Ludhiana, in the heart of Punjab - a very ostentatious, prosperous and outgoing society. It was a paradigm shift in terms of language, culture, food and lifestyle.

My childhood was a unique fusion of Telugu at home and Punjabi outside it, and was anchored to an incredible degree of attention to education. My parents ensured we spent our vacations at our native place. My mother worked towards making us comfortable with both north Indian and south Indian cuisine. This unique dual cultural influence and exposure in my formative years made me culturally and mentally very flexible. Later, in my youth, I would see many students finding it difficult to adjust just to a change of culture, food or location. I took to this north-south fusion with relative ease, thanks to my background. That said, my core has typical south Indian middle-class values centred on simplicity and emphasis on education, hard work and family.

I studied in Sacred Heart Convent School, easily Ludhiana's then most well-regarded school. It was also a magnet for students from prosperous and influential families. Convent education cemented a strong comfort with English as a language, and my parents inspired me to wholly commit myself to academics. I had the unique distinction of being a school topper consistently from Class 5 to Class 9, and was a strong favourite among many teachers. I had an intense ambition to be the district topper for Ludhiana in Class 10. In a bitter blow to me, I was unexpectedly pipped by another student for the topper's rank and became merely a district second ranker. For many years, until wisdom dawned and the passage of time gave me a more mature perspective, I would very naively quote this academic setback as the biggest disappointment of my life.

Ludhiana's Punjabi culture is famously flamboyant. Here I was, a conservative middle-class south Indian, growing up with friends from highly affluent families. A friend, I recall, was gifted a Maruti 800 on his 16th birthday, and another's affluent family owned a fleet of petrol pumps. In this childhood context, education got subconsciously positioned as my ticket to, perhaps, a similar prosperous future. Hard work in academics was the theme that shaped my growing-up years.

My parents, particularly my mother, instilled in me very middle-class values based on frugality and hard work. Today, when I look back, what my parents ingrained in me is what I refer to as the marshmallow test. The marshmallow test, made famous by its Stanford association, refers to a test wherein children are asked to choose between having one marshmallow immediately or wait for 15 minutes to get two marshmallows. For children to opt for the latter choice, they need to have internalized the concept of delayed gratification and self-control, and according to the study, this group does well later in adult life. Work hard today, and you will get the reward later in life is what my mother would have simply called it!



Raghava Rao, CFO, Amazon India

An interesting collateral benefit of being the favourite student of my teachers was that somewhere on the way, I was nudged to participate in debates, extempore contests and public speaking. I took to this comfortably, and the ease with public speaking turned out to be an asset I could leverage in my subsequent professional life. For several years in Ludhiana, I had an unbroken record of leading my school to the top prize in inter-school and inter-district public speaking contests. Somewhere on the way, I also built a good track record in quizzes, creative writing and poetry. As the years passed, the affinity for poetry faded away, but the knack for creative writing survived and finds an occasional expression when work demands that I put a pen to paper, or finger to keyboard. The mix of my academic record as well as public speaking, creative writing and presentation skills formed a set of core skills during my student life that I think I still draw upon as part of my leadership style.

Am a hopeless introvert when it comes to social occasions. But drop me into a team, give me a task, and I seamlessly morph into leadership.

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NUGGETS

AMAR CHITRA KATHA COMICS TO BE TURNED INTO ANIMATED CONTENT

The best-selling Amar Chitra Katha's 400 comic books pegged on Indian history, literature and mythology are to be adapted into animation content by Applause Entertainment. Sameer Nair, CEO, Applause Entertainment, said, "Amar Chitra Katha is a household name in India with a diverse library which deserves to be retold." Amar Chitra Katha was founded in 1967 by Anant Pai and the combined sales of its comic books are said to add up to more than 1.5 million copies. Preeti Vyas, CEO, Amar Chitra Katha, said, "Our mission is to provide Indian children a route to their roots and inspire in them a sense of pride about India." — IANS

COLLECTION OF POEMS BY TISHANI DOSHI RELEASES

HarperCollins India announced the release of the new book from Tishani Doshi, *A God at the Door.* The poems in this collection sings about the body, artworks, friendships, trees, tigers, and tackles hyper-nationalism and misogyny head on, transforming a collective grief, anger and loneliness into a beam of hope and resilience. On the publication of her new collection of poems, Doshi, says, "Much of *A God at the Door* was written in 2020, during the coronavirus pandemic, although I had been writing poems leading up to this, mainly responses to news items ranging from the comic, to the disturbing, to the absurd."

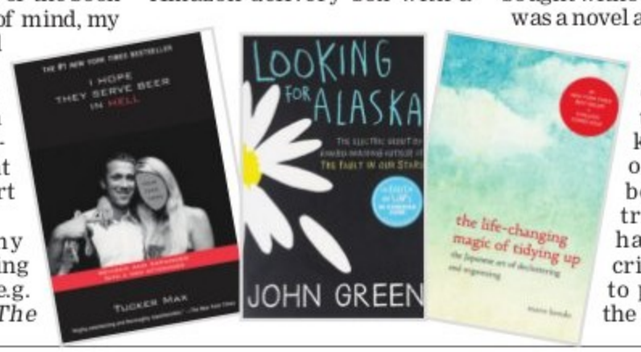
The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books

EMOTIONAL TURMOIL OF DE-CLUTTERING

PEOPLE give away their books because of the 4 D's - Death, Divorce, Donation, Downsizing," said Michelle Jenquin, owner of Wilsons Book World in St. Petersburg, Florida. For me, it was a case of relocation-driven downsizing-cum-donation!

Moving to a new house was hard; de-cluttering my books was harder. After much emotional turmoil you realise that you have way more books than you can ever read in a single lifetime and not enough space to store them. Even though I consider myself a minimalist, I've made an exception when it comes to buying books. I have over 3,000 books. Most of them had been bought for researching the topics I was writing about; several were bought during my travels and reminded me of the time I spent in some city; while a large number were signed by authors during book events. The question is do I really need them? What if I miss a book after giving it away? Every book has a story, a connection to a point in my life where the purchase of the book indicated my state of mind, my deep thoughts and my response to the world. Books gifted to me or those with an author inscription became that much harder to part with.

There are many books on de-cluttering and minimalism (e.g. Marie Kondo's *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*), but buying a book on the subject would be ironical since it would only add to the clutter and defeat the very objective of the book! Some of my books have travelled across the Atlantic (from India) and have remained in unopened boxes. My wife gave me a stern warning that if she ever saw another Amazon delivery box with a book, she was going to call the lawyer. So I decided to donate 500 books to my neighbourhood used-books store Book-Go-Round, volunteer-run by Friends of Saratoga Library.



The process of sorting my books took weeks. I realised that I had 12 books on Alaska, including John Green's *Searching for Alaska* which I had bought without knowing that it was a novel about a girl named Alaska! I decided to part with all except one picture book on Alaska. I had 10 books on Israel - all bought before my trip to Tel Aviv. I had 102 books on cricket and decided to part with 20. Of the 85 books on Gandhi, I gave away 10. History books were difficult to donate as they were timeless. I also had books that I had no clue why I bought (e.g. the bestseller *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*). Older paperbacks were easier to donate.

Since Book-Go-Round would not accept more than one box (of typically 25 books) at a time, I had to carefully fill up 20 boxes of books and drop them off daily, one by one. What I realised during the de-cluttering process was that if you think too much, you will never give your books away. Therefore, speed up the process and remember that the person who is going to read the book will value it as much as you do. With every box of books I handed over, I gave away a small part of me. But the thought that a complete stranger would be connected to me through a book brought a smile to my face!

From Gurugram to Bengaluru to Cupertino to Saratoga, my books have travelled and finally found a home - away from mine.

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIPS OPEN

THE New India Foundation (NIF) is inviting applications for the first round of the NIF Translation Fellowships to be awarded in 2022. Aimed at encouraging translations from outstanding non-fiction works in Indian languages to English, the NIF Translation Fellowships will showcase the country's rich history and distinct narratives through regional literature. These new fellowships complement the existing NIF programme that has led to the publication of 22 books so far and several new works ready for publication, over the 10 fellowship rounds. Proposals are invited from translators for ten languages; Assamese, Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Odia, Tamil and Urdu. Awarded for a period of six months with a stipend of ₹ 6 lakh to each recipient, the Translation Fellowships will be awarded to translators/writers working on bringing historical Indian-language texts into an English publication. By the end of the fellowship, fellows are expected to publish the translated works, which will be an extension of their winning proposals. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2021. *For details, log onto newindiafoundation.org/nif-translation-fellowship.*

How the television was ousted from its primary position

Writer, comedian

THE television was the original 'Family Device'. If you grew up in a large family, the television was the device that brought the entire family together. Of course, everybody had their own favourite devices.

The older members of the family loved the easy transportability of the transistor radio. You had to turn a knob, adjust the rudimentary antenna a few inches - and you were transported to the calming world of Vividh Bharati and All India Radio. The elders loved stepping out into the sun and relaxing with the radio next to them. The youngsters in the house were hooked to computers - and played mildly exciting games like Spider Solitaire and Minesweeper - games that actually taught children how to develop patience by not smashing the computer with a cricket bat. While every generation had their own favourite device - it was the television that brought them together.

Meals were had in front of the television set, and a comedy show usually took centre stage during mealtime. When advertisements for condoms or sanitary napkins played, the children knew to dutifully put their head down and focus intently on the 'meal maker' curry on their plates. The television was given prime real estate in the hall, and the rest of the furniture was placed accordingly. In that sense, the humble television had beaten the ancient tradition of vastu-shastra. It was an age when consumption of entertainment was a social experience and not an intensely personalised, customised experience. The presence of the hall in the TV worked out well for small towns, as neighbours could drop in to watch a film or a movie.

The importance of the television in an Indian home could also be gauged by the number of threats and fears that revolved around it. We were told that we'd go blind if we sat at a distance less than 8 meters from the television box. The most lethal threat during childhood was that of cable connection being cut off if we misbehaved. The television was the real unifier of the middle-class Indian household.

We purchased a television recently. It's a flat that has three bachelors - two stand up comedians and one actor. As professionals who have decided to take the plunge in creative arts, we are far removed from home and televisions. The television runs on Android OS, and needs one to log in from their other devices to access various OTT platforms. In a way, it is merely an extension of the smartphone.

Today, the smartphone has well and truly displaced the television as the household's favourite gadget. Every member of the family has one in their hands, and can be found with their heads slouched - busy on their phones. The opposable thumb - the organ that helped us evolve as human beings - is used in scrolling through their own feeds and chats.

One tap of the phone, and you can change the channel, increase/decrease the volume - and even change what you're watching on the television. The once mighty television is now used for other purposes - to play music, or to flash pictures of the family. In fact, a recent high-end model of televisions is being sold as artwork. When nothing plays on the television, various artworks flash on the screen - giving one the impression of it being a painting.

Spare a thought for the television, dear reader. The once unbeatable home device is now being made to stand still - like someone forcibly said 'Statue!!'. The television today is a pale shadow of its former glorious self. After years of referring to it as the 'idiot' box, the IDIOT box has finally surrendered to the SMART phone.

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DRISHYA 2 WILL SEE A THEATRE RELEASE

Ravichandran and team wrapped up shooting for the suspense thriller, directed by P Vasu

P Vasu

CE FEATURES

RAVICHANDRAN and team wrapped up *Drishya 2* - the Kannada remake of Mohanlal's Malayalam suspense thriller - in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The film marks the second collaboration of Crazy Star and director P Vasu, who also made the remake of the first part of the Malayalam duology. The suspense thriller, which went on floors July 12, was wrapped up in a 32-day schedule.

Unlike the Malayalam original *Drishyam 2*, which was released on Amazon Prime, the Kannada remake will see a theatre release.

On the last day of shooting, both the actor and director stressed that *Drishya 2* will be hitting the big screen. "Theatre culture is something I have always believed in, and the success of my career has come through the big screen, and *Drishya 2* will follow suit," says Ravichandran. Even director Vasu spoke on the same lines and mentioned the need for theatre experience.

The film, produced by Mukesh R Mehta and CV Sarathi's E4 Entertainment, also stars Navya Nair, Aarohi Narayan, Unnati, Asha Sharath, and Prabhu, who were all part of the Drishya are also part of the sequel. Senior actors Anant Nag and Pramod Shetty are the new additions to the sequel. The technical team includes Ajaneesh Loknath and DOP Seetharam GSV handling the music and cinematography

Ravichandran on the sets of *Drishya 2*

Dhruva Sarja, Suprith, Prem and Nisha Venkat Konanki

KVN PRODUCTIONS TO BANKROLL PREM-DHRUVA SARJA'S FILM

A SHARADHAA

WE had earlier reported that director Prem and Dhruva Sarja might team up for a film, and now, the speculation is officially confirmed. KVN Productions will be bankrolling the project. Both the director and the actor took to Twitter to confirm the news. While the film marks the ninth project of Prem, it is the sixth film of Dhruva Sarja.

"This prelude to the war begins now. Shower us with your love and support like you always do. Love you all," tweeted Prem, along with a promo clip. The video revealed that the title of the film will b e announced soon.

Prem is currently working on the script, and the film is expected to go on floors by this year's end.

The film marks the fourth venture of the production house KVN Productions, which is bankrolling *ByTwoLove, Sakath*, and Nikhil Kumaraswamy's project. All the films are in different stages of production.

Meanwhile, Dhruva Sarja is currently shooting for *Martin*, directed by A P Arjun. The film, produced by Uday K Mehta, went on floors on August 15. It is currently filmed in Hyderabad. On the other hand, director Prem is busy with an upcoming film *Ek Love Ya* starring *Raanna*.

KEERTHI KALAKERI TO MAKE TELUGU DEBUT

Keerthi Kalakeri

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Keerthi Kalakeri, who will make her Kannada debut with *Prarambha*, is all set to make her Telugu debut as well.

Speaking about the project, the actor says that it will be a good head-start for her career in Tollywood. Further, Keerthi says that she got the offer sheerly out of talent as the makers are yet to watch her work. "It is a good script, and it that will also get dubbed in Tamil, which I feel is an added bonanza," she adds. The title and other details of the project will be revealed in September.

The actor's Kannada debut *Prarambha,* in which she is paired opposite Manoranjan, is yet to hit screens due to the pandemic.

Though the actor is glad to be back on the sets, she says that the state of affairs in the entertainment industry isn't getting better due to the pandemic. "I am vaccinated, and the team is taking all kinds of precautions, but everything feels 'stuck' due to the lockdown," adds Keerthi.

Meanwhile, the actor recently resumed shooting for her second Kannada film, *Oh My Love,* in which she will star opposite Shashikumar's son, Akshith. "The team will begin the fourth schedule for *Oh My Love* on August 30 in Mangaluru, where we will be wrapping up the talkie portions. We will be heading to Kashmir in September for a song shoot," says Keerthi. Meanwhile, the actor is also busy listening to new Kannada scripts.

PRATIK GANDHI-STARRER *RAAVAN LEELA* TO RELEASE IN THEATRES ON OCT 1

CE FEATURES

PRATIK Gandhi-starrer *Raavan Leela* will release in theatres on October 1. Pratik made the announcement on Twitter while sharing the film's poster. This is the actor's debut Bollywood role after his breakout turn in Scam 1992. *Raavan Leela* is a dramatic entertainer written and directed by Hardik Gajjar. Pratik stars alongside Aindrita Ray in the film. Last week, Pratik started shooting for his next Hindi film, *Dedh Bigha Zameen*. Set in a small town of Uttar Pradesh, the film is a family drama about a common man's struggles. He will also be seen in *Atithi Bhooto Bhava* co-starring Jackie Shroff and Sharmin Segal.

A still from the film

MADE IN BENGALURU IS A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERLY SPIRIT OF THE CITY

Debutant director Pradeep Sastry opens up about *Made in Bengaluru* which stars Anant Nag, Sai Kumar, and Prakash Belawadi

A still from the film

Anant Nag

CE FEATURES

MADE in Bengaluru, an upcoming film by director Pradeep Sastry brings together an interesting cast featuring Anant Nag, Saikumar, and Prakash Belawadi. The film, made under the banner Rajani Thursday Stories starring Madhusudan Govind in the lead, was wrapped up recently. It is currently in the post-production phase. Pradeep, who has directed short films and commercial ads, opens up about the project in a chat with *CE*.

"It is a social drama and more of a tribute to the motherly spirit of the city...to the land that has been a melting pot of cultures for centuries. It is a humble attempt from our end to render the folklore of the city in its language," begins director Pradeep. "It is about this place which inspires even an outsider to call it 'home'. Jammed in between dreams, desperation, and a twist of fate, the film is about a sporty start-up founder Suhas played by actor Madhusudan, who emerges from this urban mess discovering the motherly charm of the old city," says the director.

"Our film has a variety of characters - from venture capitalists to gangsters, cricket aficionados to crooks, founders with fancy airs to disheartened failure. *Made in Bengaluru* is a film of light moments, life lessons, inspirations, rootedness, and eternal hope," he adds.

Pradeep has also written the story and screenplay of *Made in Bengaluru,* which has music scored by Ashwin P Kumar and cinematography by Bajarang Konatham.

"We are in the process of bringing out the first copy. Made in Bengaluru will be a theatrical release, and we are looking to hit theatres around Deepavali," he says. The principal cast also includes Shankara Murthy, Sudha Belawadi, Manjunath Hegde, Vineeth Jordindian, Ramesh Bhat, and M S Umesh among others.

DHANVITH MAKES TINSEL TOWN DEBUT WITH *AVARTA*

CE FEATURES

A farmer and young businessman Dhanvith's childhood passion for acting has finally bore fruit. The debutant is all set to make his silver screen debut with a suspense thriller titled *Avarta*, written and directed by Vemagal Jagannath Rao. Dhanvith is playing the role of a CBI officer in the film.

"I am glad to have finally fulfilled my dreams, and facing the camera for *Avarta* was more like going to acting school. Director Vemagal Jagannath Rao nurtured me well on the sets," says Dhanvith, who will be teaming up with the director again. "We will be collaborating for another project, and details of which will be revealed soon," the actor said. *Avarta* is now in the post-production phase, and the makers have plans to release the teaser and audio in September. The film's music is scored by Atishya Jain, and the camerawork is handled by Mallikarjun.

Dhanvith

A still from the film